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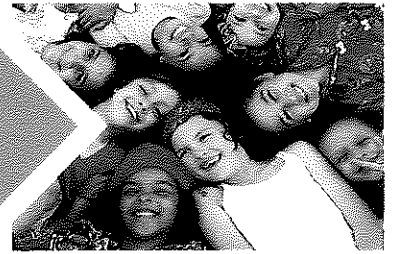
To All Commercial Township Staff:

Attached you will find forms for the nomination of Teacher Of The Year, and Educational Service Professional of the Year. You will also find a list of previous recipients, along with eligibility criteria. Please print and complete the form (one for each category), and return to Jean Smith no later than 12/14/18. Any nominations received after this date cannot be taken into consideration.


Thank you!



2018-19 Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) Nomination Form



Do you know a classroom teacher or educational services professional who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference? If so, please take the time to recommend this person for the Governor's Educator of the Year Program by completing this nomination form template and returning it to the building principal by the specified deadline. Administrators, staff members, students, parents and community members are encouraged to participate.

Please return this form to the building principal by 12-14-18 (leave enough time for the selection process & to register your recipients by January 4, 2019, especially if you want them to receive a "virtual gift bag" of resources)

Each candidate will be scored based on the criteria below:

- Serves as an exceptionally skilled and dedicated educator in a public or charter school;
- Inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn;
- Demonstrates leadership and innovation in and outside the classroom;
- Has the respect and admiration of students, parents, administrators and colleagues; and
- Plays an active role in the community as well as the school;

Nominee Information	
Name	
School	
School District	
Current Position	
Nominator Information	
Name	
Email Address	
Relationship to Nominee	
Nomination	
<p>Please explain why you feel the educator deserves recognition, citing specific examples. Some things to consider: the educator's methods for meeting student needs, desire for professional growth, community involvement, dedication to the education profession, and rapport with students, parents and staff. The more compelling the response, the better. Therefore, please use as much space as needed below as the form will expand when you type on it. If you would like, you may attach your response separately to this form.</p>	



2018-19 Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) Eligibility Criteria



Requirements



Educational Services Professional
Enrollment Areas



Item	Criteria
Requirements	<p>Any educators nominated for this award must meet all of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be an exceptionally skilled and dedicated licensed classroom teacher (PreK through grade 12 in a public or charter school) where teaching is the primary responsibility rather than administrative or supervisory responsibilities or an educational services professional (ESP) who is listed as one of the eligible enrollment areas • Must have a 2017-18 summative rating of at least effective; if the teacher or the ESP has not received a 2017-18 summative rating at the time of application, then their practice rating should be at least effective or the equivalent • Be an expert in the field who inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn • Actively collaborate with colleagues, students, and families to create a strong culture of respect and success • Demonstrate leadership and innovation in educational activities at the school, district and/or state and national levels that take place both within and outside the school setting • Have the respect and admiration of students, parents and colleagues • Have not earned the title of school or County Teacher of the Year nor ESP of the Year for the past five (5) years <p>Note: There is no requirement for minimum number of years in the classroom, however as an ambassador for education, one should be invested in the profession for at least five years</p>
Educational Services Professional of the Year Enrollment Areas	<p>In order to compete for Educational Services Professional of the Year nominees must be classified as one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Bullying Specialist • Athletic Trainer • Basic Skills Teacher • Behavior Specialist • Cooperative Education Coordinator/Hazardous Occupations • Director of School Counseling Services/Child Study Team • Educational Interpreter (Cued Speech, Transliteration, Oral Interpreting, Sign Language Interpreting) • Guidance / School Counselor • Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant • Library Media Specialist • Mathematics Specialist/Mathematics Coach • Paraprofessional (Instructional only) • Reading Specialist/Reading Coach • School Nurse • School Occupational Therapist • School Physical Therapist • School Social Worker • Speech Language Specialist • Student Assistant Coordinator • Technology Coach

**Commercial Township Governor Teacher
Recognition Recipients**

<u>Year Chosen</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Haleyville-Mauricetown School</u>	<u>Port Norris School</u>
1988-1989		Jeanne Lewis	Jean Smith
1989-1990		Sandy Ballard	Paul Milbourne
1990-1991		Sharon Sutton	Lola Ames
1991-1992		Jeanne Lewis	Brenda Holding
1992-1993		Suanne LaRosa	Scott Moses
1993-1994		Connie Johnson	Mary Tortorici
1994-1995		Kathy Riggins	Anne Arzente
1995-1996		(No Award Given By Governor)	
1996-1997		Beth Oliver	Ross Edwards
1997-1998		Karen Golway	Mary Haldeman
1998-1999		Gloria Guidera	Susan Kratz
1999-2000		Joyce Massey	Dawn Smith
2000-2001		JoAnn Ayres	Susan Iman
2001-2002		Florence Gillis	Maggie Marshall
2002-2003		Margaret Hartman	Patricia Teasenfitz
2003-2004		Walter Webster	Chris Lanterman
2004-2005		Karri Pontano	Yajaira Johnson
2005-2006		Tricia Sammons	Ross Edwards
2006-2007		Kerri Zeleniak	Lou Ann Gaddy
2007-2008		Denise Pepper	Cathy Collins
2008-2009		(No Award Given)	
2009-2010	2010-2011	Michelle Clark	Peter Dolcy
2010-2011	2011-2012	Cynthia Martin	Brenda Holding
2011-2012	2012-2013	Virginia Blew	Tarin Leech
2012-2013	2013-2014	Lisa Santiago	Matthew Mingin

2014-2015

Lauren Eisenhart

Jen Lutek

2015-2016

Natalia Michalkiewicz

Kevin Young

2016-2017

Denise Bland

Walter Webster

Linda Givens

Audrey Lloyd

2017-2018

Amanda Edelman

Cathy Vazquez

Kathy Vizzard

Ashley Long