



# OSPI/SBE Statewide Recognition Programs

**CELEBRATING**  
Exceptional Educators and Schools  
*through state and  
national award programs*

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# Awards for Educators

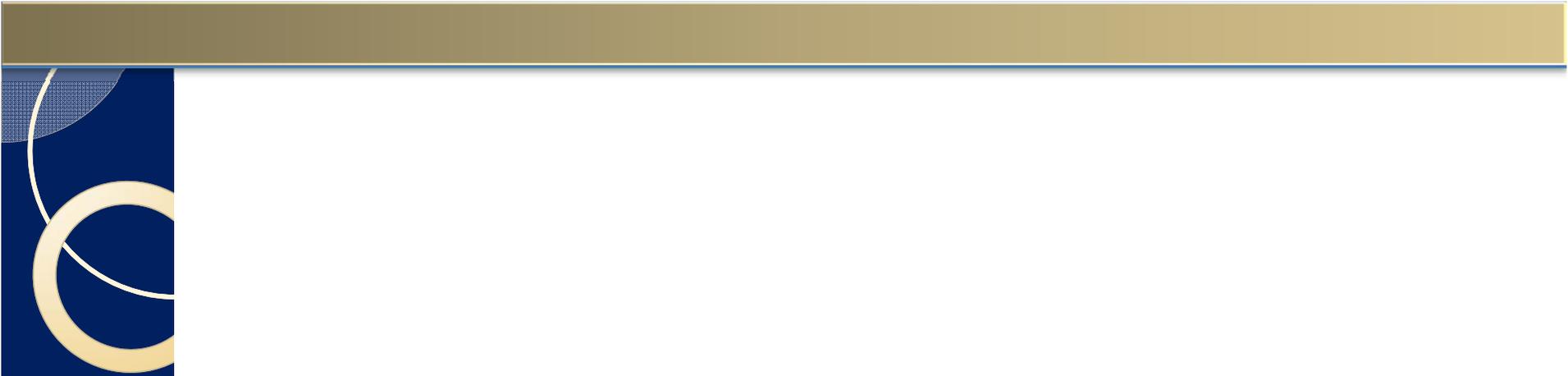
- Teacher of the Year
- Milken Educator
- Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching
- Classified School Employee of the Year
- American History Teacher of the Year



# Awards for Schools

- No Child Left Behind  
Blue Ribbon Schools
- Title I
  - Academic  
Achievement
  - Academic  
Improvement
  - Distinguished  
Schools
- Washington  
Achievement Award





# Introducing Washington's Exceptional Educators

# Award One (slide 1 of 2)

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## Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)



- Established in 1983 and administered nationally by the National Science Foundation, the PAEMST is the highest honor in the country for a K-12 math or science teacher and alternates between elementary and secondary teachers.

# Award One (slide 2 of 2)



- Award winners receive a \$10,000 cash prize, a trip to the nation's capital, and a signed commendation from President Obama.
- A rigorous application process includes a 15-page narrative, letters of recommendation, and a video of classroom instruction.
- State selection committees recommend finalists to the national program, and the White House announces award recipients in the spring.

# 2008 Presidential Award Winner

## Georgia Boatman (Science)

- Regional Science Coordinator
- Educational Service District 123



“She believes that all students can achieve and should have access to good instruction . . . She had a choice to teach in our school knowing that hard work and long hours lay ahead. She embraced the challenge with enthusiasm and determination.”

**Lori McCord**, principal  
*Amistad Elementary School*

# 2008 Presidential Award Winner

## Michele Brees (Math)

- Madrona Elementary School
- Highline School District



“Her efforts have resulted not only in improved math instruction for her students but also have had a tremendous positive impact on the math instructional practices in our building and our district.”

**Matt Fosberg**, principal  
*Madrona Elementary School*

# Award Two (slide 1 of 2)

## Milken Educator Award



- Established in 1982 by the Milken Family Foundation, the Milken Educator Award is the largest teacher recognition program in the country and alternates between elementary and secondary teachers, administrators or specialists.
- The award winner receives a \$25,000 cash prize and professional and leadership development from the Milken Family Foundation.

# Award Two (slide 2 of 2)

## Milken Educator Award



- There is no application for the award. The state builds a talent pool, gathers recommendations and conducts interviews. An independent Blue Ribbon Panel recommends educators from the talent pool to the foundation.
- The announcement of a Milken Educator is a closely-guarded secret. Only the foundation representatives, the state coordinator, and the educator's supervisor know who will be recognized.

# 2009 Milken Educator

## Kymerberly Larson

- Shaw Middle School
- Spokane School District

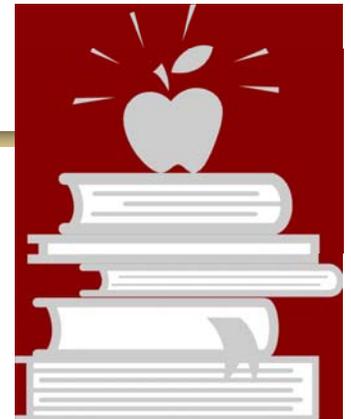


“...the science teacher you would want your children or grandchildren to have. If female students would have had teachers like Kymerberly 20 – 40 years ago, there would be no gap between men and women in the field of science.”

**Chris Lynch**, principal  
*Shaw Middle School*

# Award Three (slide 1 of 2)

## Washington Teacher of the Year



- Established in 1963, this is the longest running teacher recognition program in the state.
- All regional finalists received recognition, professional development and prizes from program sponsors. The State Teacher of the Year attends various national events including a recognition week in Washington, DC and Space Camp.

# Award Three (slide 2 of 2)



## Washington Teacher of the Year

- The state selection committee reads and scores comprehensive written applications, interviews finalists and chooses the Washington Teacher of the Year from a slate of nine regional finalists, one from each of our nine ESDs.
- A Washington teacher was named National Teacher of the Year in 1963, 1970 and 2007

# 2009 Washington Teacher Award

## Jamie Yoos

- Bellingham High School
- Bellingham School District



“He has fueled Dylan’s interest in alternative energy, turned him on to the agony and ecstasy of scientific experiments, and allowed him to experience the Scientific Community on a whole different level.”

**Scott & Wendy Albrect, parents**