



STATEMENTS & RELEASES

President Donald J. Trump Announces Presidential Excellence Awards in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering

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Today, President Donald J. Trump announced the recipients of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) and the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM).

Awardees come from schools in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools, and schools in the United States territories of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands.

Nominations and awards are facilitated by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Science Foundation. The individuals and organizations announced today are 2017 and 2018 Awardees.

Presidential award for K-12 teachers

Established in 1983, PAEMST is the highest award given by the U.S. Government to kindergarten through 12th grade teachers of mathematics and science, including computer science.

A panel of distinguished mathematicians, scientists, and educators at the State and national levels assess the applications before recommending nominees to OSTP. Teachers are selected based on their distinction in the classroom and dedication to improving science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education.

Presidential award for STEM mentors

PAESMEM recognizes the critical roles mentors play outside the traditional classroom setting in the academic and professional development of the future STEM workforce.

Colleagues, administrators, and students nominate individuals and organizations for exemplary mentoring sustained over a minimum of five years.

Since 1995, PAESMEM has honored the hard work and dedication which mentors exhibit in broadening participation in the STEM pipeline.

Mentors support learners from kindergarten through the collegiate levels, as well as those who recently started their careers in STEM. Mentors share their expertise and guidance with learners, sometimes through formal mentoring programs. Learners are often from traditionally underrepresented groups in STEM.

Recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching:

Alabama

Kristin Bundren, Spain Park High School

Sue Noah, Athens Elementary School

Kevin Pughsley, Berry Middle School

Lorie White, Rogers High School

Alaska

Jennifer Childress, Dimond High School

Joshua Hall, Dimond High School

Dawn Wilcox, Campbell STEM Elementary

Angie Wright, Auke Bay Elementary School

Arizona

Svea Anderson, Agua Caliente Elementary School

Amee Legarra, Richardson Elementary School

Deborah Nipar, Hamilton High School

Nicole Whitt, Empire High School

Arkansas

Corey Bobby, Benton High School

Cheri DeSoto, Holt Middle School

Anna Shaw, J.O. Kelly Middle School

Tiffany Taylor, Rogers Heritage High School

California

Elizabeth Henderson, California School for the Deaf, Riverside

Jose Rivas, Lennox Mathematics, Science and Technology Academy

Megan Smith, Lincoln Fundamental Elementary School

Andrew Walter, Amos Alonzo Stagg Senior High

Colorado

Jina Bradford, STEM Lab

Jennifer Moriarty, CEC Early College

Kate Pacheck, Prairie Winds Elementary School

Tamara Pennington, Windsor High School

Connecticut

Kimberly Moran, Rogers Park Middle School

Kristina Ngai, William J. Johnston Middle School

Diane Pintavalle, Glastonbury High School

Peter Shanazu, Fairfield Warde High School

Delaware

Joshua Gates, The Tatnall School

Kathleen Olenderski, Alfred G. Waters Middle School

Danielle Rash, Olive B. Loss Elementary School

Jennah Truitt, Lord Baltimore Elementary School

District of Columbia

Mark Howell, Gonzaga College High School

Brittany Lewis, DC Prep Anacostia Elementary Campus

Cecilia Newman, Alice Deal Middle School

Tolulola Odukoya, Dr. Charles R. Drew Elementary School

DoDEA

Amy Dougherty, Aukamm Elementary School

Patrick McDonald, Yokota Middle School

Michael Pope, Zama Middle High School

Deborah Young, Garmisch Elementary Middle School

Florida

Karina Moran, Manatee Elementary School

Tiffany Oliver, T.R. Robinson High School

Lorraine Plageman, Jupiter Community High School

Laura Steele, Wright Elementary School

Georgia

Ashley Greenway, Elm Street Elementary

Tanasha Mahone, Burgess-Peterson Academy

Martha Milam, East Coweta High School

Billy Singletary, Coahulla Creek High School

Hawaii

Richard Brian Ogawa, Kanoelani Elementary School

Daphne Okunaga, Pearl City High School

Daniel Taira, Lehua Elementary School

Nel Venzon Jr., Mililani High School

Idaho

Deirdre Abrams, Donnelly Elementary School

Sean Boston, Capital High School

Vonda Franklin, Washington Elementary School

Erin Tiderman-Gross, Rocky Mountain High School

Illinois

Philip Culcasi, Wheaton Warrenville South High School

Natalie Johnson, Metea Valley High School

Aimee Park, Lisle Junior High School

Kristy Regan, Hazelgreen Elementary School

Indiana

David Ferris, Noblesville High School

John Gensic, Penn High School

Aaron Hamilton, Wyandotte Elementary School

Holly Miller, Riverside Intermediate School

Iowa

Maria Granadillo, McKinley Middle School

Deborah Little, Denver Elementary School

Katherine McGrane, Margaretta Carey Elementary School

Michael Todd, Ames High School

Kansas

Heidi Albin, Complete High School Maize

Monica Dreiling, Lincoln Elementary School

Sarah Rand, Central Heights Elementary School

Stephen Smith, Christa McAuliffe K-8 Academy

Kentucky

Deborah Brock, Simon Kenton High School

Kristi Fehr, Cassidy Elementary School

Melanie Ramey, Highland Elementary School

Erin Schneider, Atherton High School

Louisiana

Mandy Boudwin, Lutchter High School

Troy Hobson, Greenlawn Terrace Elementary School

Lisa Swenson, Isidore Newman School

Tabitha Vu, Dutchtown High School

Maine

Heather Dorr, Ella Lewis School

Kirsten Gould, Buxton Center Elementary School

Priya Natarajan, Casco Bay High School

Alyson Saunders, Dexter Regional High School

Maryland

Justin Bright, Boonsboro High School

Elizabeth Brown, North Harford High School

Denise Kresslein, Westminster West Middle School

Raymond Weber, Salem Avenue Elementary

Massachusetts

Danielle Merdin, Dr. William W. Henderson K-12 Inclusion School

Aaron Osowiecki, Boston Latin School

Jamil Siddiqui, East Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School

Melissa Zeitz, Liberty Elementary School

Michigan

Megan Bartley, Benzie Central High School

Linda Bensyl, Wayland Union High School

Ellen McDonald, Walled Lake Elementary School

Katherine Stevenson, Fisher Elementary School

Minnesota

Stacy Bartlett, Stillwater Area High School

Patricia Haugh, Wildwood Elementary School

Michael Larson, Chippewa Middle School

David McGill, Capitol Hill Gifted and Talented Magnet School

Mississippi

Carrie Koenigsberger, The Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science

Shelby Miller, Singing River Academy

Michelle Robinson, Madison Central High School

Theresa Rose, Stone Elementary School

Missouri

Katherine Lodes, St. Joseph's Academy

Shelley Paul, Anderson Elementary School

Terri Politte, Duello Elementary School

Stacey Wade, Frontier Middle School

Montana

Justine Hurley, White Sulphur Springs Elementary School

Claire Pichette, Helena High School

Thomas Redmon, Daly Elementary School

Beth Walsh, East Valley Middle School

Nebraska

Alicia Davis, Scott Middle School

Pamela Petersen, York Middle School

Rochelle Settles, Fredstrom Elementary School

Melissa Szatko, Indian Hill Elementary

Nevada

Suzette Champagne, Jessie Beck Elementary

Christine Donahue, Ted Hunsberger Elementary School

Kristen Taylor, Advanced Technologies Academy

Heather Witt, K.O. Knudson Middle School

New Hampshire

Elise Catalano, Rye Junior High

Angela Lennox, Exeter High School

Bryan Smith, Bethlehem Elementary School

Gregory Snoke, Captain Samuel Douglass Academy

New Jersey

Michael Dunlea, Tabernacle Elementary School

Patricia Lee, Lumberton Middle School

Siobhan McVay, Delran High School

Ralph Pantozzi, Kent Place School

New Mexico

Krystal Irby, nex+Gen Academy

Cindy Lee, Snell Middle School

Erin Mayer, Janet Kahn School of Integrated Arts

Eric Schultz, Sixth Grade Academy

New York

Daniel Anderson, Queensbury High School

Anneliese Bopp, Sodus Intermediate School

Elizabeth Guzzetta, Allendale Columbia School

Marianne Strayton, Woodglen Elementary School

North Carolina

Wendy Bartlett, Reagan High School

Elizabeth Gillikin, Smyrna Elementary School

Laura Lawrence, Asheville School

Kathryn Matthews, Valle Crucis Elementary School

North Dakota

Pat Boehmer, Carrington High School

Andrew Braaten, Carrington High School

Gretchen Peterson, Liberty Middle School

Andrew Potter, Eastwood Elementary School

Ohio

Nancy Edmondson, Clough Pike Elementary School

Gloria Gajewicz, Bowling Green High School

Lisa Holt-Taylor, Boyd E. Smith Elementary

Julie Randolph, Alexander Jr. High/High School

Oklahoma

Gena Barnhill, Rollingwood Elementary School

Megan Cannon, Sapulpa Middle School

Jayci Harris, Homer Elementary School

Julie Klingensmith, Norman High School

Oregon

Christopher Bartlo, Wilson High School

Monet Biancucci, Pine Ridge Elementary School

Carol Biskupic Knight, Sato Elementary School

Gregory Smith, West Salem High School

Pennsylvania

Mary Brown, Central Columbia Elementary School

Joel Crowley, Milton Hershey School

Steven Miller, Upper St. Clair High School

Janet Waldeck, Pittsburgh Allderdice High School

Rhode Island

Lindsay Bliven, Ashaway Elementary School

Kerri Luchka, Western Coventry Elementary School

Kristina Sparfven, Chariho Middle School

David Upegui, Central Falls High School

South Carolina

Alison Espinosa, A.C. Flora High School

Benjamin Sinnett, Greenville Middle Academy

Patricia Smith, Bethel Elementary School

Robert Spencer, T.L. Hanna High School

South Dakota

Louise Lindskov, Timber Lake High School

Leah Oxner, West Middle School

Kelly Preheim, Armour Elementary School

Kimberly Webber, Black Hawk Elementary School

Tennessee

Heather Knox, Northfield Elementary

Kristina Krautkremer, Dobyns-Bennett High School

Karla West, Coulter Grove Intermediate School

Cicely Woodard, West End Middle School

Texas

Dolores Lollie Garay, Redd School

Angelica Niño, Lorenzo De Zavala Elementary School

Wanda Streepey, Highland Park Middle School

Brenda Williams, Argyle Intermediate School

United States Territories

Myriam Medina, Robinson School

Ines Muniz Miret, The Baldwin School of Puerto Rico

Joseph John Muna, William S. Reyes Elementary School

Judy Naz, Okkodo High School

Shernore Prince, Joseph Sibilly Elementary School

Crystal Vanterpool-Richardson, Bertha C. Boschulte Middle School

Arlene Vilá, Colegio Sagrado Corazón de Jesús

Utah

Jill Buchsbaum, Uintah Elementary School

Deborah Morgan, South Sevier High School

Rachel Reeder, Bridger Elementary

Orson Spencer, Juab High School

Vermont

Christine Depatie, Swanton School

Jessica Litchfield, Berkshire Elementary School

Sharron Prairie, Williamstown Middle High School

Heather Vonada, Woodstock Union High School

Virginia

William Daly, Albemarle High School

Melissa Follin, Old Donation School

Dianna McDowell, Old Donation School

LoriAnn Pawlik, Penn Elementary School

Washington

George Christoph, River Ridge High School

Matthew Pederson, Weyerhaeuser Elementary School

Angela Salo, DeLong Elementary

James Yoos, Bellingham High School

West Virginia

Erika Klose, Winfield Middle School

Craig Mason, New Martinsville School

Jaime Pettit, Moundsville Middle School

Allison Shriver, Bradley Elementary School

Wisconsin

Richard Erickson, Bayfield High School

Michelle Howe, Lodi Middle School

Kevin Reese, Clintonville High School

Rebecca Saeman, Sauk Trail Elementary School

Wyoming

Necole Hanks, Powell Middle School

Amy Kassel, East High School

Helen Ommen, Spring Creek Elementary School

James Stith, Newcastle High School

Recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring:

Alabama

J. Michael Wyss, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Arizona

Sally Stevens, University of Arizona

California

Dominique Evans, Glendale Unified School District

Gisele Ragusa, University of Southern California

Illinois

Jennifer Schwarz, Chicago Botanic Garden

Massachusetts

Gail Breslow, The Clubhouse Network Museum of Science

Minnesota

Eugenia Paulus, North Hennepin Community College

New Jersey

Howard Kimmel, New Jersey Institute of Technology

North Carolina

Salil Desai, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University

Sekazi Mtingwa, Triangle Science, Education & Economic Development, LLC

Pennsylvania

Amy Freeman, The Pennsylvania State University

Texas

Dominick Casadonte, Jr., Texas Tech University

Karen Lozano, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

Jamboor Vishwanatha, University of North Texas Health Science Center

Virginia

Robin Dunbar, Elizabeth River Project