



TAUNTON AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2021  
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**TEACHER RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

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The TACC's 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Teacher Recognition Program will honor several teachers from the greater Taunton area who are representative of the many good teachers within our systems. Members of the community, colleagues, students, and parents may submit nominations. Simply complete and submit the attached nomination form.

**Eligibility:** Individual teachers (*not teams*) in grades K-12 in **Raynham, Berkley, Dighton and Taunton** (including Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School and Bristol County Agricultural High School) are eligible for Recognition Awards. Any teacher actively teaching and employed full time may be nominated and is eligible to receive recognition for outstanding effort, which has benefited their students. (*See the Honor Roll list.*)

**Criteria:** The key factor in nominations is describing the outstanding qualities that make an individual an extraordinary educator. When completing the nomination form, be sure to address the specific criteria presented.

**PLEASE NOTE:            The Autobiography MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE TEACHER and submitted to the TACC by the deadline.**

**Awards:** A Selection Committee, composed of representatives from business and education, will review the nominations. The committee will choose up to ten finalists who will receive a certificate; recognition by the local news media; and an invitation to a virtual awards ceremony on **Wednesday, May 19, 2021 via Zoom.**

**Deadline:** Signed nominations must be received by **4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2021.** Please mail to the form to **Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce, 6 Pleasant Street, Taunton, MA 02780**, or e-mail to [info@tauntonareachamber.org](mailto:info@tauntonareachamber.org).

*~ Non-compliance with the deadline shall result in elimination of a nomination. ~*

Nomination forms will not be returned. Forms may be duplicated or downloaded as needed. Forms are also available on our website [www.tauntonareachamber.org](http://www.tauntonareachamber.org).

For further information or clarification, contact Lisa DeMelo, Business Manager, at (508) 824-4068 or email [info@tauntonareachamber.org](mailto:info@tauntonareachamber.org).

# **HONOR ROLL**

*The following teachers are previous recipients and are NOT eligible for re-nomination in 2021:*

|      |                                |   |
|------|--------------------------------|---|
| 2015 | <i>Diane Cabezas</i> .....     | <i>H.H. Galligan School</i>             |
|      | <i>Susan Greenwood</i> .....   | <i>Berkley Community School</i>         |
|      | <i>Susan O'Brien</i> .....     | <i>Taunton High School</i>              |
|      | <i>Judith Roberts</i> .....    | <i>Raynham Middle School</i>            |
| 2016 | <i>David Purpura</i> .....     | <i>Taunton High School</i>              |
|      | <i>Nancy Sylvester</i> .....   | <i>Hopewell Elementary School</i>       |
|      | <i>Diane Taylor</i> .....      | <i>Hopewell Elementary School</i>       |
|      | <i>Kyle Thetonia</i> .....     | <i>Bristol-Plymouth Regional HS</i>     |
|      | <i>Jennifer McCartin</i> ..... | <i>Bristol-Plymouth Regional HS</i>     |
|      | <i>Jeffrey Moore</i> .....     | <i>Taunton High School</i>              |
|      | <i>Meghan O'Brien</i> .....    | <i>John F. Parker Middle School</i>     |
|      | <i>Ann Young</i> .....         | <i>Berkley Community School</i>         |
| 2018 | <i>Brian Bastarache</i> .....  | <i>Bristol Agricultural High School</i> |
|      | <i>Isabelle DeBarros</i> ..... | <i>John F. Parker Middle School</i>     |
|      | <i>Jason Torres</i> .....      | <i>Taunton High School</i>              |
| 2019 | <i>Janice Chmura</i> .....     | <i>Taunton High School</i>              |
|      | <i>Laura Dietz</i> .....       | <i>Berkley Community School</i>         |
|      | <i>Allison Murphy</i> .....    | <i>Taunton High School</i>              |

*(event not held in 2020)*

## **Consider these Points when Submitting Your Nomination**

*Does the teacher...?*

- Create a love of learning in students of all abilities and backgrounds
- Stimulate thought and provoke dialogue in the classroom
- Challenge students to reach appropriately high standards and expectations
- Understand the needs of students individually and collectively and meet those needs with determination and imagination
- Acknowledge cultural diversity in the classroom
- Interact effectively with parents, students and the community
- Encourage positive self-esteem in students and act as a role model
- Apply appropriate and effective behavioral management strategies
- Measure and evaluate teaching and learning effectiveness on an ongoing basis
- Keep up with current trends in the educational field and technology advancement
- Demonstrate a positive outlook on education and the teaching profession
- Continue professional development
- Demonstrate leadership and foster teamwork among colleagues
- Plan to continue their career in education
- Offer assistance or opportunities for student learning beyond the school day

## **Tips for Completing the Nomination Form**

1. Answer all the questions listed on the form. Missing or incomplete information may disqualify the nomination. Focus specifically on questions 1, 2 and 3 as presented in the outline.
2. Some judges will not be familiar with the individual you are nominating; describe the nominee as you would to a complete stranger. Only individuals, not teams, will be eligible. Be as concise and as brief, but thorough, as possible.
3. Use the space provided to answer the questions; if more space is required, attach an additional page to complete the responses. Answers continued on an attachment should restate the entire question so the judges will understand which answer corresponds to which question. **(Not to exceed two typed pages)**
4. **Typewritten information is preferred**, but if that is not practical, neatly print the information. Photocopies of the nominations are made for each judge; please use **black** pen.
5. Get your information in before the deadline! *Nominations (even the best) will not be considered if received after the deadline date listed on the Nomination Form.*

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**Teacher Recognition Program**  
**NOMINATION FORM**  
*(Please type or print legibly in black ink)*

**NOMINEE**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYING SCHOOL OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe the noteworthy qualities that make this individual an exemplary educator worthy of this award, by responding to the following questions:**

1. *To what degree have students benefited from the efforts of the teacher?*
2. *Describe how this person motivated students, inspired creativity and encouraged a higher level of achievement.*
3. *How has this person helped students to build self-esteem and confidence?*
4. *Explain how the person offered assistance or opportunities for student learning beyond the school day.*
5. *How has the person embraced challenges and has he/she learned new instructional technologies?*

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Nominator (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return to:** Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce | 6 Pleasant Street, Taunton, MA 02780  
**info@tauntonareachamber.org**

**DEADLINE:** **April 30, 2021 | 4:00 p.m.**

# **NOMINEE AUTOBIOGRAPHY**

**MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE TEACHER** prior to the deadline and returned directly to the TACC.  
*(Please type or print legibly.)*

## **PLEASE OUTLINE TEACHING EXPERIENCE USING DATES AND LOCATIONS**

*(Add any additional information on the back of this sheet)*

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## **EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

| <u>Degree</u> | <u>Major</u> | <u>College/University</u> | <u>Date Awarded</u> |
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**Also: list coursework beyond last degree**

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## **EXTRA CURRICULAR/SCHOOL BASED ACTIVITIES**

*(Please list specific involvement and dates.)*

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## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

*(Taunton, Raynham, Berkley, Dighton or your home community, i.e., little league, committees, CCD, Scouts, etc. Please supply dates if possible.)*

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Teacher's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(first)* *(middle)* *(last)*

School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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