

2011 Teacher of the Year award

Building Bridges for the Future

The Rotary International 2010-2011 theme "Building Communities Building Bridges" created by President Ray Klinginsmith, inspired this year's Teacher of the Year theme, "Building Bridges for the Future". Klinginsmith stated, "Rotary is the best in the world at linking people of goodwill around the globe and then gaining their cooperation and support to make the world a much better place to live and work."

Children are the future of the world. Through our awards program this year we will honor and recognize teachers in Lawrence who are preparing their students to cope with local and global issues in the 21st century. These teachers are promoting an environment where young people are equipped to make a difference in their local community and are promoting the knowledge, attitudes and skills relevant to living responsibility in a multicultural, interdependent world.

Background

The Teacher of the Year award was created by the Lawrence Rotary club to be granted each year to a Lawrence School teacher in recognition of exemplary dedication and his or her ability to stimulate students learning. We believe that it is important for the public to appreciate the vital role played by teachers and to recognize those teachers who perform the role with excellence.

Those who work in our schools know that there are many teachers, our unsung heroes, whose knowledge, skill, character and dedication profoundly influence the lives of the students placed in their charge.



The Awards

Crystal Apple

Lawrence Rotary will present the Crystal Apple Award and \$1,000 prize to two outstanding Lawrence teachers. We will also present each winner's school a \$1,000 gift to be used for the direct benefit of the children.

Rising Star

Lawrence Rotary will present the Rising Star Award and \$500 prize to two educators with up to five years teaching experience in Lawrence who have demonstrated a passion for inspiring excellence.

Calendar

May 6, 2011

Final date for submissions

June 10, 2011

Final date for online ticket purchases

June 15, 2011

Recognition Banquet: 6:00pm DiBurro's Function Facility
in Bradford, Mass.

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The Lawrence Rotary Presents its Thirteenth Annual Lawrence Teacher of the Year Awards

Building Bridges for the Future

Teacher of the Year Awards:

Crystal Apple:

\$1000 to a Junior/Senior High Teacher

\$1000 to an Elementary Teacher

\$1000 to Each Winner's School

Rising Star:

\$500 to a Junior/Senior High Teacher

\$500 to an Elementary Teacher



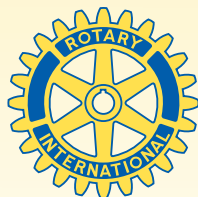
Selection process

The honorees will be a teacher from any school in Lawrence, MA, grade K-12 including all private schools. Nominators are principals, fellow teachers, or parents of a child in the same school as the nominee. The judges are comprised of local educators, none of whom are part of the Lawrence school systems or the Lawrence Rotary Club. The results of the judging are known only to the judges until the evening of the event. Please see criteria.

Nomination Format

Submissions of the nominations must include the following information:

- The nominee's full name
- The specific school and grade level to which the teacher is currently assigned.
- The number of years the nominee has been a full time teacher
- The number of years the nominee has been teaching in the city of Lawrence
- Comments on one or more of the specific criteria shown. Appropriate personal stories are encouraged relevant to the theme
- A general comment on any additional reasons you feel the nominee should be recognized
- The name of the person(s) submitting the nomination



Online Nomination visit

www.LawrenceRotary.org/TeacherOfTheYear.cfm

Nomination deadline
May 6, 2011

Criteria for Nomination and Selection

In judging the nominees, the panel of educators will consider the following:

1. Building Bridges for the Future **THEME QUESTION:** The degree to which the teacher is breaking from tradition and preparing children to cope with local and global issues in the 21st century. The degree to which the teacher is promoting an environment where young people are equipped to make a difference in their local community and who are promoting the knowledge, attitudes and skills relevant to living responsibility in a multicultural, interdependent world.
2. The degree to which the teacher strives to maintain mastery of their subjects.
3. The degree to which the teacher demonstrates the importance of lifelong learning through his/her own intellectual growth, thereby depicting the role of what an educator should be.
4. The extent to which the teacher has high expectations of students and communicates those expectations effectively.
5. The extent to which the teacher treats students as individuals—constantly searching for their unique characteristics, communicating confidence in their ability to achieve, understanding and providing for their further improvement.
6. The teacher's success in motivating students through carefully planned assignments, and by analyzing the student's progress and effectively communicating the results in a manner which encourages their further improvement.
7. The teacher's success in creating a positive climate for learning through classroom management that is fair, firm, and consistent, and though an appropriate regard for the importance of an attractive and pleasant environment.
8. The degree to which the teacher works cooperatively with fellow teachers, supervisors and administrators in a continuing effort to improve the school.
9. The degree to which the teacher works cooperatively with parents, understanding the important role parents play in the development of the student and in the ultimate success of the educational process.
10. The degree to which the teacher provides a positive role model for the students.
11. The degree to which the teacher reflects the best characteristics for a teacher in Lawrence.
12. The degree to which the teacher is involved in extracurricular school and/or community activities. The support which that teacher provides to the school and/or community is important not only to that effort, but provides a model for others to emulate.

Banquet:

The awards banquet will be held at 6:00pm on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at DiBurro's Function Facility in Haverhill to announce the awards and to honor all the nominees.



Tickets:

\$38.75 per person, includes processing fee. For more information and banquet tickets, visit: www.LawrenceRotary.org/TeacherOfTheYear.cfm. All seats are reserved in advance and must be purchased online. This event sells out, so purchase tickets early.