



Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching



- The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching represent the highest honors bestowed by the U.S. government for K–12 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics teaching.
- Established by Congress in 1983, this program authorizes the President to bestow up to 108 awards each year. Awards are made to elementary (K–6th grade) and secondary (7th–12th grade) teachers on alternate years.
- Since the program's inception, more than 5,000 teachers have been recognized for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession.
- Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities and leaders in the improvement of STEM education.
- In 2020, the White House announced 107 awardees from the most recent 7–12th grade PAEMST competition.
- Students, parents, colleagues, and supervisors may nominate a teacher to apply. Teachers may also apply directly.
- Each teacher completes an online application that includes a written narrative and a video that demonstrates teaching excellence.
- Applications can be submitted by teachers from the 50 states, Washington D.C., the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Department of Defense Education Activity schools, and the Jurisdictions (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands).
- Selection committees of outstanding scientists, mathematicians, education researchers, school and district administrators and educators review applications at state and national levels. Recommendations are sent to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) for final selection.
- Awardees receive a certificate signed by the President, a trip to Washington, D.C. to attend a series of recognition events and professional development opportunities, and join a cadre of over 5,000 PAEMST alumni. They also receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation (NSF).
- The Excellence Awards in Science and Engineering (EASE) Program within NSF's Directorate for Education and Human Resources administers PAEMST on behalf of OSTP.
- The EASE Program also manages the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM; paesmem.net).
- For additional information and a list of awardees, go to paemst.org.
- Media may contact Michelle Negrón at (703) 292-2829 or mnegron@nsf.gov.



Meet the Awardees

ALABAMA

Jessye Gaines
Mathematics
Madison, AL

Pamela Hamilton
Science
Hoover, AL

ALASKA

Chohla Moll
Science
Sitka, AK

Tricia Turley
Mathematics
Anderson, AK

ARIZONA

Lynnea Bahm
Mathematics
Gilbert, AZ

Christine Mendoza
Science
Goodyear, AZ

ARKANSAS

Mary Hatch
Science
Harrison, AR

Melodie Murray
Mathematics
Pocahontas, AR

CALIFORNIA

Janice Coonrod
Science
Oakland, CA

Brian Shay
Mathematics
San Diego, CA

COLORADO

Linda Cochran
Mathematics
Longmont, CO

Erin Greenwood
Science
Boulder, CO

CONNECTICUT

Christopher Newlan
Science
Stratford, CT

Stephanie Quarato
Mathematics
Clinton, CT

DELAWARE

Jordan Estock
Science
Wilmington, DE

Eileen Voltz
Mathematics
Wilmington, DE

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Ashley Kearney
Mathematics
Washington, DC

William Stafford
Mathematics
Washington, DC

DODEA*

Alysia Durham
Mathematics
Fort Campbell, KY

Anna Sansone
Science
APO, AE

FLORIDA

Becky Bride
Mathematics
Palm Harbor, FL

Scott Sowell
Science
Jacksonville, FL

GEORGIA

Megan Heberle
Science
Savannah, GA

Pamela Hytower
Mathematics
Carrollton, GA

HAWAII

Tessie Ford
Science
Waipahu, HI

Kristie Yamamoto
Mathematics
Honolulu, HI

IDAHO

Jerod Morehouse
Mathematics
Boise, ID

ILLINOIS

Tanya Katovich
Science
Hoffman Estates, IL

David Sladkey
Mathematics
Naperville, IL

INDIANA

Kirstin Milks
Science
Bloomington, IN

Angela Snyder
Mathematics
Carmel, IN

* DoDEA: U.S. Department of Defense Education Activity; APO, AE: Army Post Office, Armed Forces Europe



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IOWA

Bradley Jacobson

Science
Des Moines, IA

Sharon Jaeschke

Mathematics
Gowrie, IA

KANSAS

Luke Henke

Mathematics
Columbus, KS

Margaret Richard

Science
Olathe, KS

KENTUCKY

Torri Martin

Mathematics
Louisville, KY

Keri Meador

Science
Louisville, KY

LOUISIANA

Margaret Acree

Mathematics
Monroe, LA

Paula Callender

Science
Natchitoches, LA

MAINE

John Cangelosi

Science
Bangor, ME

Robyn Graziano

Mathematics
Readfield, ME

MARYLAND

Hemalatha Bhaskaran

Science
Salisbury, MD

Stacie Marvin

Mathematics
Laurel, MD

MASSACHUSETTS

Douglas Scott

Science
Hopkinton, MA

Jededyah Williams

Mathematics
Nantucket, MA

MICHIGAN

Theodore Emch

Mathematics
Ann Arbor, MI

Holly Hereau

Science
Redford, MI

MINNESOTA

Eric Friberg

Science
Mendota Heights, MN

Jessica Macken

Mathematics
Minneapolis, MN

MISSISSIPPI

Shani Bourn

Science
Kiln, MS

LeShundra Young

Science
Madison, MS

MISSOURI

Jessica Haskins

Mathematics
Webster Groves, MO

Elegan Kramer

Science
Saint Louis, MO

MONTANA

Robert Jensen

Science
Missoula, MT

Mary McMahon

Mathematics
Helena, MT

NEBRASKA

Debra Bulin

Mathematics
Hebron, NE

Amy Leising

Science
Omaha, NE

NEVADA

Jodi Cunningham

Mathematics
Las Vegas, NV

Richard Scroggie

Science
Henderson, NV

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Susan Downer

Science
Amherst, NH

Michelle Morton-Curitt

Mathematics
Exeter, NH

NEW JERSEY

Jennifer Fitzgerald

Mathematics
Point Pleasant, NJ

Alessandra MacFarlane

Science
Hillsborough Township, NJ



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NEW MEXICO

Jessica Esquibel
Mathematics
Albuquerque, NM

Melody Hagaman
Science
Las Cruces, NM

NEW YORK

Kelly Jakab-Muller
Science
Yonkers, NY

Christina Pawlowski
Mathematics
Commack, NY

NORTH CAROLINA

Tyler Erb
Mathematics
Charlotte, NC

Jill Francis
Science
Forest City, NC

NORTH DAKOTA

Kimberly Carpenter
Mathematics
Jamestown, ND

Jessica Gregerson
Mathematics
Valley City, ND

OHIO

Carolyn Petite
Mathematics
Chagrin Falls, OH

Jeremy Secaur
Science
Elyria, OH

OKLAHOMA

Cheryl Fentress
Science
Bartlesville, OK

Brigit Minden
Mathematics
Marlow, OK

OREGON

Jason Galbraith
Science
Portland, OR

Kerryn Henderson
Science
Portland, OR

PENNSYLVANIA

Susan Matthias
Mathematics
Landenberg, PA

William McWatters
Science
Atglen, PA

PUERTO RICO

Ruth Caraballo
Mathematics
San Juan, PR

Yamitza Rosas Rodriguez
Mathematics
Aguada, PR

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Robert Mayne
Mathematics
Wood River Junction, RI

Jane Ramos
Science
Smithfield, RI

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David Degenhardt
Science
Columbia, SC

Jenny Van Buren
Mathematics
Greenville, SC

SOUTH DAKOTA

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Science
Mellette, SD

Carla Diede
Mathematics
Harrisburg, SD

TENNESSEE

Billie Long
Science
Cleveland, TN

Huguette Williams
Mathematics
Sevierville, TN

TEXAS

Katherine Fincher
Science
Amarillo, TX

Bridget Matamoros-Mota
Mathematics
Denton, TX

US TERRITORIES

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San Nicolas-Diaz
Mathematics
Barrigada, GU

Lali Thundiyl
Science
Yigo, GU

UTAH

Natalie Darrington
Mathematics
Nephi, UT

David Morrill
Science
Sandy, UT



Meet the Awardees

VERMONT

Philip Surks

Science
South Burlington, VT

Jennifer Wood

Mathematics
Waterford, VT

VIRGINIA

Myron Blosser

Science
Harrisonburg, VA

Aziz Zahraoui

Mathematics
Portsmouth, VA

WASHINGTON

Carol McKay

Mathematics
Olympia, WA

Amy Peterson

Science
Lynnwood, WA

WEST VIRGINIA

Karen Donathan

Mathematics
Charleston, WV

Angela McKeen

Science
Clarksburg, WV

WISCONSIN

Katie Haas

Mathematics
Edgar, WI

Karen Olson

Science
Baraboo, WI

WYOMING

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Science
Thermopolis, WY

Jennifer Kelley

Mathematics
Jackson, WY