

Massachusetts Milken Educators

1997

Patricia Clem, Principal
Powder Mill Middle, Southwick

Michael Contompasis, Headmaster
Boston Latin, Boston

Maria Ferrandini, Teacher
Charles C. Cashman Elementary, Amesbury

Alice Garcia, Teacher
City View Elementary, Worcester

Kevin McArdle, Principal
Heath Brook School, Tewksbury

David Vito, Teacher
North Attleborough High

Joan Vohl Hamilton, Teacher
Fairview Veterans Memorial Middle, Chicopee

Alma Wright, Teacher
William Monroe Trotter Elementary, Boston

1998

Wayne Boisselle, Teacher
Dawson Elementary, Holden

William Henderson, Principal
Patrick O'Hearn, Boston

Sue Pandiani, Teacher
Ella F. Hoxie, Bourne

Sheila Smith-McAdams, Teacher
Winthrop Elementary, Ipswich

1999

Jim DeProfio, Teacher
Lowell High School

Chuck McAfee, Principal
Clarence Edwards Middle, Boston

Karin Orbon, Teacher
North Brookfield High

Janice Smith, Teacher
Weymouth Junior High

2000

Holli Armstrong, Teacher
Old Post Road Elementary, Walpole

Lucille Ferragamo, Teacher
Whelan Elementary, Revere

Mary Meade-Montaque, Principal
Roosevelt Elementary, Worcester

Elaine Swain, Teacher
R. J. Murphy Elementary, Boston

2001

June Eressy, Teacher
University Park Campus, Worcester

Catherine Latham, Teacher
Lynn English High

Edward Noonan, Teacher
Dorchester High, Boston

2002

Mary Cowhey, Teacher
Jackson Street School, Northampton

Michael Stanton, Teacher
Ralph Talbot Primary, Weymouth

2003

Michael Barton, Teacher
Greater Lowell Voc. Tech. School,

Timothy Farmer, Principal
Remington Middle School, Franklin

2004

Michael Aw, Teacher
Memorial Elementary, Hopedale

Holly Concannon, Teacher
RJ Murphy, Boston

2005

Thabiti Akil Brown, Academic Dean
Codman Academy Charter, Boston

Jasmine Lellock, Teacher
Randolph High, Randolph

2006

Nicholas Leonardos, Principal
South Elementary School, Stoneham

Amanda Sequin, Teacher
Curtis Guild Elementary, East Boston

2007

Anne Clark, Curriculum and Special
Education Coordinator; ELA Teacher,
Boston Arts Academy, Boston

Matthew Dugan, Teacher
Madison Park Technical Vocational High, Boston

2008

Chris Louis Sardella, Teacher
Marion E. Zeh Elementary School, Northborough

2009

Rebecca Duda, Teacher
Lakeview Junior High School, Dracut

2010

Roni Gold, Teacher
Rebecca Johnson School, Springfield



2010 Massachusetts Milken Award Winner



Michael Milken, Roni Gold, Lowell Milken

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EDUCATION**

Milken Family Foundation Mission Statement

The purpose of the Milken Family Foundation is to discover and advance inventive and effective ways of helping people help themselves and those around them lead productive and satisfying lives. The Foundation advances this mission primarily through its work in education and medical research.

In **EDUCATION**, the Foundation is committed to:

- Strengthening the profession by recognizing and rewarding outstanding educators, and by expanding their professional leadership and policy influence.
- Attracting, developing, motivating and retaining the best talent to the teaching profession by means of a comprehensive, whole school reform.
- Stimulating creativity and productivity among young people and adults through programs that encourage learning as a lifelong process.
- Building vibrant communities by involving people of all ages in programs that contribute to the revitalization of their community and to the wellbeing of its residents.

In **MEDICAL RESEARCH**, the Foundation is committed to:

- Advancing and supporting basic and applied medical research – especially in the areas of prostate cancer and epilepsy – and recognizing and rewarding outstanding scientists in these areas.
- Supporting basic health care programs to assure the well-being of community members of all ages.

A wealth of human potential is represented by individual people of all ages whose vision and purpose make them dynamic forces for change. The Foundation's mission is to help realize this potential by giving the support that enables people to create and carry out effective, lasting solutions to the challenges facing our communities.

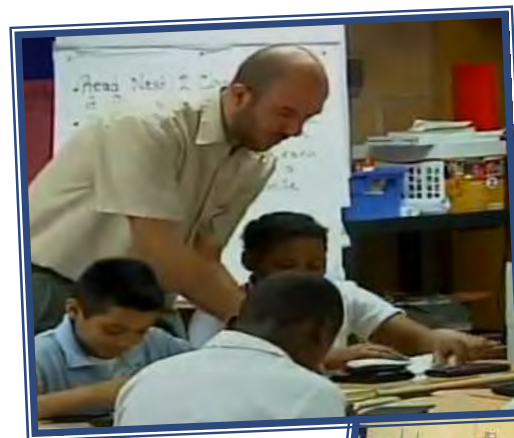


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RONI GOLD
ELEMENTARY- 5TH GRADE
REBECCA JOHNSON SCHOOL
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Harvard educated with a master's in education, Roni Gold is a dynamic fifth-grade teacher at Rebecca M. Johnson Elementary, a high-needs urban school in Springfield that has seen marked improvements since he joined the staff. Boasting an impressive ability to spark students' interest in learning, Gold is extolled for his ability to transform all his students into active thinkers, learners and doers.



Working with some of the school's most challenging, Gold's prowess is evident in his high class attendance, increasing student performance and decreasing behavioral issues. In his class, students write, illustrate and publish books and work with Smith College as pen pals. His use of tech-

nology in the classroom, such as palm pilots and SMART boards, has inspired colleagues to weave innovation into their lessons as well. Parents speak highly of Mr. Gold, and his students are genuinely excited to attend school. Gold even learns the same dance moves as his students to help encourage them in the ballroom dancing program.



From 2008 to 2009, fifth-grade math improved 14 percent, and language arts increased 4 percent. Also, 100 percent of his students passed the English language arts portion of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). That Rebecca Johnson is a very diverse school with a 94 percent minority population and almost 90 percent qualifying for free and reduces-priced lunch makes the progress all the more impressive.