

# 2010 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year *Jae Goodwin*

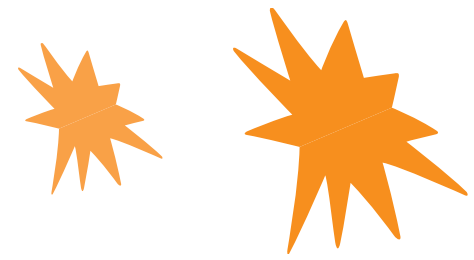


## Former Teachers of the Year

- 2009 George Watson, Walpole
- 2008 Michael Flynn, Southhampton
- 2007 Jessie Auger, Boston
- 2006 Suzanne Wintle, Bolton
- 2005 Nancy Tyler-Schoen, Franklin
- 2004 Melinda Pellerin-Duck, Springfield
- 2003 Jeffrey Ryan, Reading
- 2002 Dawn McNair, Newton
- 2001 Marianne Moran, Methuen
- 2000 David Lussier, Andover
- 1999 Bruce Penniman, Amherst\*
- 1998 Mary Ginley, Longmeadow
- 1997 Leonard Swanton, Lexington
- 1996 Kathleen Sherman, Falmouth
- 1995 Jerry Howland, Boston\*
- 1994 Virginia Freyermuth, Duxbury
- 1993 Steven Levy, Lexington
- 1992 Ronald Adams, Quincy
- 1991 Charles Sposato, Framingham
- 1990 Molly Murphy, Brookline
- 1989 Marjorie Montgomery, Newton
- 1988 James McDermott, Worcester
- 1987 Margot Desjardins, Westport
- 1986 Donna Viveiros, Fall River
- 1985 Francis Smith, Wayland
- 1984 Cathleen Hughes, Scituate
- 1983 Donald Pottle, Shrewsbury
- 1982 Joseph Kelly, Lexington
- 1981 Margaret Campbell, Longmeadow
- 1980 Marta Valdes, Boston
- 1979 Rita Croteau, Worcester
- 1978 Olive Craigwell, Boston
- 1977 Martin Badoian, Canton
- 1976 Barbara Boschert, Worcester
- 1975 no selection
- 1974 Thais Waldron, Reading\*
- 1973 Marcia Hayes, Boston
- 1972 Marcia Fowler, Ipswich
- 1971 Robert Anastas, Framingham
- 1970 Lucille Thimblin, Tantasqua Reg.
- 1969 Ruth Doorly, Westwood
- 1968 Neil Fitzgerald, New Bedford
- 1967 John Moulton, Brookline\*
- 1966 Leah Benway, Southwick
- 1965 Vivian Little, Hampden-Wilbraham
- 1964 Edna Penwarden, Arlington
- 1963 no selection
- 1962 Lottie Perry, Norton
- 1961 no selection
- 1960 Edward Frude, Shelburne Falls\*

\* National Teacher of the Year Finalist

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# 2010 Massachusetts TEACHER of the YEAR



**Jae Goodwin  
& Her 5th Grade Class**  
Charlotte A. Dunning School  
Framingham Public Schools



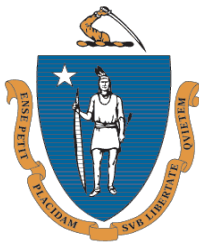
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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Dear Friends,

Teaching is both an art and science; the most difficult, most rewarding and most important of careers. While all classroom teachers should be recognized on a daily basis, the National Teacher of the Year Program is the oldest and most prestigious awards program that focuses public attention annually on excellence in teaching. Since 1952, the national program has recognized and honored the contributions of classroom teachers by granting one outstanding teacher a year's paid sabbatical. During that year, the teacher travels the nation and meets with a wide variety of audiences to address educational issues. The National Teacher of the Year Program, sponsored by ING, is a project of the Council of Chief State School Officers.

The Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Program is administered by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in partnership with Hannaford Supermarkets. Each year the program honors a Massachusetts teacher who exemplifies fine teaching in the Commonwealth. The purpose of the program is to select a teacher who is worthy of speaking for and energizing the teaching profession, and representing the positive contributions of all teachers statewide. The Massachusetts Teacher of the Year automatically becomes the state's candidate for the National Teacher of the Year Program.

The selection process for the Massachusetts Teacher of the Year began in the late Fall, with a call for nominations. An independent panel of experts, including past Teachers of the Year, reviewed written applications, interviewed six finalists, and recommended a candidate for my consideration for this year's honor.

I wish to thank the following corporations and organizations for supporting the 2010 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Program: Hannaford Supermarkets; Massachusetts Teachers Association; SMARTer Kids Foundation; Teacher Leadership Academy; and Verizon.

I am proud to present the *2010 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year, Jae Goodwin, from the Charlotte A. Dunning School in Framingham.* We wish her much energy and happiness in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Mitchell D. Chester, Ed.D.  
Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

## Meet the 2010 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year



Walk in to Jae Goodwin's classroom and you will see two banners prominently displayed on the classroom wall: *Fair is we get what we need* and *None of us is as smart as all of us*. Her students know that everyone in the class is a valuable member with *no* exceptions. Jae teaches fifth grade at the Charlotte A. Dunning Elementary School in Framingham. Her fifth grade classroom is known as Community 27. This is purposeful; it is not just a room but a community of learners. Over the past ten years, Jae has assisted her students in discovering their passions and inspired them to follow their dreams. In Community 27, each student's unique learning style is celebrated and opportunities abound to demonstrate knowledge.

Jae embraces technology as a tool to bring real life learning to her teaching. Students enter their writing in contests, review books on Amazon.com, and participate in online projects with classrooms around the world. They blog about the books they read, write a classroom newsletter, maintain a classroom website, sing songs with their classroom iPod, email their work from home, produce videos and plays, and access computers to learn content, reinforce learning, and get homework help.

Jae has established herself as a leader in the educational community. As an adjunct instructor at Framingham State College, she teaches writing classes for teachers in Framingham and has run district wide professional development and workshops. She has facilitated study groups and is a mentor for new teachers and student teachers. Jae is passionate about literacy. Working with other teachers, she has participated in shaping the district ELA curriculum, serves on the ELA Committee, the Literacy Team and she is a Teacher Literacy Leader for her school. Jae is a role model for her students as a life-long learner. She has completed a sabbatical at the Museum of Science and is a summer teacher-in-residence there.

Jae believes that students must learn to be good people. She was instrumental in founding the PTO Community Outreach Committee. She brought the Pennies for UNICEF program to Dunning School and has had students participate with the local senior center and Meals on Wheels program. Each winter Jae hosts a school wide readathon to benefit The Jimmy Fund.

Jae is proud to be the mother of two amazing young adults, Jillian and Noah – her very first students.

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