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## THE BEACON

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### Fourteen Honored at Awards for Excellence Banquet

#### March 15th Ceremony Attracts Big Crowd

Nearly 250 friends, family members and colleagues gathered together at the Marriott Hotel on March 15th to celebrate and honor award winners at the 7th Annual Awards Banquet. All of the award winners were nominated by school superintendents or district committees as representing the best in personal qualities and professional achievement in four categories of service: superintendent, administration, teaching and support staff. The WNYESC committee judged nominees on extraordinary commitment to the district and community, years of service to the district, leadership within their respective group, and achievements both in and out of the workplace.

They are highly-respected leaders who have inspired others around them, and therefore, are role models in their schools and communities. We hope that you will continue to acknowledge their special contributions by congratulating them. Thanks to Hodgson Russ LLP for sponsoring this special event.



#### Award Winners Pictured

Front Row: Joanne Saniewski, Paula Chalifoux, Marianne Vriesen, Maria Wilcox, Joanne Pletscher

Back Row: Michael Vallely, Richard Schaefer, Barbara Thomasulo, Edward Myszka, Kimberly Moritz, Kris Passinault, Salvatrice Maroney, Alan Scott, Jack Burns.



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## AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS 2012

### Superintendent



**Kimberly Moritz**

**“To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.”  
Elbert Hubbard**



**“Coming Together is a beginning, keeping together is progress and working together is success.” Henry Ford**

### Support Staff



**Kris Passinault**

**“Family is not an important thing, it’s everything.” Michael J. Fox**



**Barbara Thomasulo**

**“Between stimulus and response there a space. In that space lies our freedom and power to choose our response. In those choices lie our growth and happiness.”  
Steven Covey**



**Marianne Vriesen**

**“Luck is a matter of preparation meeting opportunity.”  
Oprah Winfrey**

## Teaching



**Paula Chalifoux**

**“Don’t cry because it’s over;  
smile because it happened.”  
Dr. Suess**



**Sally Maroney**

**“Act as if what you do makes  
a difference. It does.”  
William James**



**Joanne Pletscher**

**“From the very beginning of his  
education, the child should ex-  
perience the joy of discovery.”  
Alfred North Whitehead**



**Alan Scott**

**“Do not let what you cannot do  
interfere with what you can do.”  
John Wooden**



**Maria Wilcox**

**“A life of integrity is the most  
fundamental source of per-  
sonal worth.”  
Edith Wharton**

## Administration



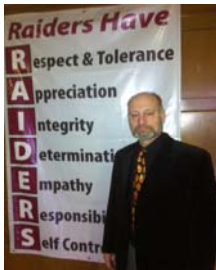
**Jack Burns**

**“Live long and prosper.”  
Mr. Spock**



**Joanne Saniewski**

**“The day you stop growing and learning is the day you stop living...” and Big Tree doesn’t grow vegetables.**



**Richard Schaefer**

**“I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.”  
Mark Twain**



**Mike Vallely**

**“Be sure to put your feet in the right place, then stand firm.”  
Abraham Lincoln**

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