

Oregon Teacher of the Year Program Celebrates 16 Regional Winners for 2023

Oregon educators honored for their outstanding leadership and impact

The Oregon Department of Education, in partnership with the Oregon Lottery, announced Oregon's 2023 Regional Teachers of the Year! All across the state this week, communities have held celebrations recognizing these 16 regional winners.

Every day in Oregon classrooms, teachers offer their innovation, energy and content mastery in support of students across the state. The Oregon Teacher of the Year Program recognizes and honors teacher excellence, with the state Teacher of the Year serving as the face and voice of exemplary educators across Oregon. Candidates for Oregon Teacher of the Year are exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable and skilled licensed public school educators in grades preK-12.

"Through countless challenges in the past several years, Oregon educators have



continued to consistently come through for Oregon's students," said Colt Gill, Director of the Oregon Department of Education. "It is with high honor that we celebrate these 16 Regional Teachers of the

Year from across the state!"

Regional winners were identified through a local nomination, application and selection process facilitated by Education Service Districts. Applicants submit-

ted testimonials and letters of support and were assessed by a diverse panel of regional representatives on the attributes of leadership, instructional expertise, commitment to equity, community involvement, understanding of educational issues, vision and professional development.

Each Regional Teacher of the Year will receive a \$1,000 award from the Oregon Lottery, and is automatically considered for the honor of 2023 Oregon Teacher of the Year which will be announced later this fall.

"The Oregon Lottery is honored to play a role in celebrating Oregon educators' hard work, passion, and dedication," said Oregon Lottery Director Barry Pack. "The Teacher of the Year Program provides well-deserved recognition to teachers across Oregon who are helping their students build a foundation for the future."

2023 Oregon Regional Teachers of the Year include Ron Antlitz, Gwen Bartlett, Sydney Thompson, Connie Robbins, Ben Lawson, Travis Reeser, Derek Burbank, Scott Crowell, Heather Greel, Ken Dickey, Amanda Jensen, Laury Rodriguez, Steven Taylor, Steven Taylor, Erin Green, David Duncan and Rosa Floyd.

Additional information about the program can be found on the Oregon Teacher of the Year website.

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Oregon Summers

Fairs and festivals. Barbeques and beaches. Summertime in Oregon has so much to offer — so many distractions from life's daily challenges. For some of us, it's easy to throw ourselves into a flurry of summer fun instead of doing the important work of overcoming issues that might be negatively affecting us. Issues like out-of-control gambling.

Free Help is Available

If you have a gambling habit that has grown beyond your control, help is available. Through the Oregon Problem Gambling Resource (OPGR), gamblers and those who love them can get support from trained addiction counselors, often right from home. Treatment is effective. People are ready and waiting to provide better mechanisms to cope and to heal. And, best of all, it's free.

All it takes is a phone call, a text, or an online chat to get started. Reach out. Let this summer be your season for change.

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