2023 Spring Conference Awards Breakfast

Sunday May 7, 2023
Welcome to the PTA, Membership, and Volunteer Recognition Awards of the 2023 Washington State PTA Spring Conference! The purpose of the WSPTA awards and recognition program is to increase awareness, encourage participation, and build pride in PTA, and to celebrate the work of local PTAs/PTSAs, councils, and individuals that make a difference in their communities.

Following the local PTA, PTSA and council awards, you will find the Volunteer Recognition Awards section of this program. All of the amazing programs and events local PTAs and council provide for their communities require many dedicated volunteers. Proceeds from the purchase of these awards go towards funding the WSPTA scholarship program for students.

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We are especially grateful to our sponsors this year for their support of our convention. Their generosity and support of our vision and mission is greatly appreciated. Thank you to AIM-Association Insurance Management, Inc.
Awards of Excellence

The purpose of the Awards of Excellence program is to celebrate the work local PTAs and councils do to make a difference for their communities. Awards and programs also help build awareness of the WSPTA vision and mission. When local PTAs and councils are recognized for the work they are doing, it builds pride in the community and helps people connect with PTA!

Applying for these awards helps local PTAs, PTSAs and councils benchmark their efforts and become resources for other local PTAs, PTSAs and councils. Awards and programs also help build awareness of the WSPTA mission and focus.

Thank you to the many PTAs, PTSAs and councils that submitted applications for this year’s WSPTA Awards of Excellence! The passion and creativity demonstrated in the submissions of our award recipients serves as an inspiration for PTAs across the state. Be sure to stop by the Convention Recognition area to learn more about the innovative ways these PTAs are finding success.

Congratulations to the following local PTAs, PTSAs, community PTAs, and councils on their achievements:

**Outstanding Communication Strategy**
Recognizing the effective use of multiple communication channels to reach members and community.

**Gold Level**
- Everett PTSA Council 7.3
- Mill Creek PTA 7.3.37
- North Shore Council 6.10
- Peter Kirk Elem 2.8.45
- Somerset PTSA 2.3.80
- Tyee MS PTSA 2.3.145

**Silver Level**
- H. Carl Sandburg PTSA 2.8.55
- Sandpoint Elem 6.15.315

**Bronze Level**
- Mullenix Ridge 1.8.8
- Tambark Creek 7.3.12

**Outstanding Newsletter**
Recognizing the effective use of newsletters as a communications tool.

**Gold Level**
- Henry M Jackson PTSA 7.3.95
- Lake Washington PTSA Council 2.8
- North Shore Council 6.10
- Tyee MS PTSA 2.3.145

**Silver Level**
- Cottage Lake PTA 6.10.10
- Everett PTSA Council 7.3
- Gateway MS 7.3.72
- Mill Creek PTA 7.3.37
- Somerset PTSA 2.3.80
- Tambark Creek 7.3.12

**Bronze Level**
- International School 2.3.121
- Peter Kirk Elem 2.8.45
- H.D. Thoreau PTA 2.8.60
PTAs Taking Significant Action
Recognizing programs, projects, and activities that demonstrate significant originality, involvement, potential, usefulness, and results.

**Gold Level**
Everett PTSA Council 7.3
Jefferson PTA 7.3.25
Peter Kirk Elem 2.8.45
Samantha Smith PTSA 2.8.57

**Silver Level**
Mill Creek PTA 7.3.37
Somerset PTSA 2.3.80
Stillwater PTSA 2.16.24

**FACE Award of Excellence**
Recognizing programs, projects, and activities/events that increase family and community engagement and involvement.

**Gold Level**
Mill Creek PTA 7.3.37
Samantha Smith PTSA 2.8.57
Seattle SPED PTSA 6.15.508
Skyline PTA 7.6.40 (2 entries both gold)

**Silver Level**
Jefferson PTA 7.3.25
Mark Twain PTSA 2.8.65
Riverview Council 2.16
Somerset PTSA 2.3.80
Stillwater PTSA 2.16.24

**Bronze Level**
Snoqualmie PTSA 2.18.23
Sunny Hills 2.6.25

**Advocacy Award of Excellence**
Recognizing programs, projects, and activities/events that increase awareness of and participation in advocacy issues at the school, local community, council, region, state and national level.

**Gold Level**
Mill Creek PTA 7.3.37

**Silver Level**
Elizabeth Blackwell 2.8.54

**Outstanding Website**
Recognizing the effective use of websites as a communications tool.

**Gold Level**
Mill Creek PTA 7.3.37

**Silver Level**
Clara Barton PTSA 2.8.27
Henry M Jackson PTSA 7.3.95
Jefferson PTA 7.3.25
Mark Twain PTSA 2.8.65
Mullenix Ridge 1.8.8
Peter Kirk Elem 2.8.45
Somerset PTSA 2.3.80
Stillwater PTSA 2.16.24
Tambark Creek 7.3.12

**Bronze Level**
Christa McAuliffe 2.8.36
Cottage Lake PTA 6.10.10
Gateway MS 7.3.72
Tolt MS PTSA 2.16.25
Tyee MS PTSA 2.3.145
Viewlands PTSA 6.15.340
Outstanding PTA of the Year
Recognizing those local PTAs and councils that, when compared to all others in their unique circumstances, are the most representative examples of PTAs that exemplify our association’s purposes and mission.

This prestigious award will be announced during the PTA and Membership Awards Recognition Breakfast on Sunday, May 7 from 7:45 am - 9:15 am.

Standards Of Excellence Local/Community PTAs
Recognizing the effective use of WSPTA best practices as a guide for local PTAs to be child-focused, responsible to members, knowledgeable, fiscally responsible, involved, and well-trained.

Platinum Level
Henry M Jackson PTSA 7.3.95
Hunt PTA 5.7.17

Gold Level
Elizabeth Blackwell 2.8.54

Silver Level
Cottage Lake PTA 6.10.10
Eastlake High PTSA 2.8.88
Issaquah High 2.6.45
Peter Kirk Elem 2.8.45
Stillwater PTSA 2.16.24
Sunny Hills 2.6.25

Standards Of Excellence Councils
Recognizing the effective use of WSPTA best practices as a guide for councils to be child-focused, responsible to members, knowledgeable, fiscally responsible, involved, and well-trained.

Platinum Level
Everett PTSA Council 7.3

Gold Level
Northshore Council PTSA 6.10

Silver Level
Riverview Council PTSA 2.16
Membership Awards

Outstanding membership recruiting efforts are recognized at a variety of levels. Time has shown that local PTAs and councils that work toward membership growth are consistently more successful than those that do not set membership growth goals.

Help us celebrate the achievements of those local PTAs and councils that are being recognized in the following categories: 100% Membership Award, 100% Staff Membership Award, and Continuous Growth.

The 100% PTA Membership Award is presented to local PTAs/PTSAs that enroll at least as many members as there are full-time enrolled students at the school associated with that PTA. This is the ultimate achievement in PTA/PTSA membership and recognizes that every child in the school community has a paid PTA member to be their voice. PTAs/PTSAs must be in good standing and needed to submit a completed application form by March 1 to be eligible for this award. This year we had 5 local PTAs/PTSAs earn this award. They are:

- Peter Kirk Elementary PTSA 2.8.45
- Innovation Lab High School PTSA 6.10.90
- Maple Hills Elementary PTA 2.6.15
- Medina PTA 2.3.57
- Bellevue International School PTSA 2.3.121

The 100% Staff Membership Award is presented to local PTAs/PTSAs that enroll at least as many school certificated employees as there are full-time certificated employees at the school. This award recognizes the value of teachers and school staff as stakeholders advocating for all children through PTA/PTSA membership. PTAs/PTSAs needed to be in good standing and submit a completed application form by March 15 to be eligible for this award. This year we had 57 local PTAs/PTSAs earn this award. They are:

- Cougar Valley PTA 1.3.14
- Central Kitsap Middle School PTA 1.3.35
- Northeast Tacoma Elementary PTA 10.9.15
- Stillwater Elementary PTSA 2.16.24
- Tolt Middle School PTSA 2.16.25
- Cedarcrest HS PTSA 2.16.35
- Carnation Elementary PTSA 2.16.5
- Snoqualmie Middle School PTSA 2.18.33
- Cascade View Elementary PTSA 2.18.7
- International School PTSA 2.3.121
- Medina PTA 2.3.57
- Somerset Elementary PTSA 2.3.80
- Apollo PTA 2.6.003
- Cedar Trails Elementary PTSA 2.6.12
- Maple Hills Elementary PTS 2.6.15
- Maywood Middle PTSA 2.6.40
- Pacific Cascade Middle School PTSA 2.6.41
- Pine Lake Middle School PTSA 2.6.42
- Issaquah High PTSA 2.6.45
- Challenger Elementary PTA 2.6.6
- Clark Elementary School PTSA 2.6.7
- Skyline High School PTSA 2.6.70
- Peter Kirk Elementary PTSA 2.8.45
- Elizabeth Blackwell PTSA 2.8.54
- Mark Twain PTSA 2.8.65
- Evergreen Middle School PTSA 2.8.68
- Elk Plain PTA 5.3.10
Kapowsin PTA 5.3.12
Nelson Elementary PTA 5.3.18
Thompson PTA 5.3.20
Weyerhaeuser Elementary PTA 5.3.50
Fredrickson Elementary PTA 5.3.7
Hunt PTA 5.7.17
Dessie Evans PTA 5.7.22
Carson Elementary PTA 5.7.3
Florence Pope PTA 5.7.42
Ridgecrest PTA 5.7.44
Shaw Road PTA 5.7.48
Woodmoor Elementary PTSA 6.10.52
Innovation Lab High School PTSA 6.10.90
Carson Elementary PTA 6.12.10
Lake Forest Park PTA 6.12.40
Tambark Creek Elementary PTSA 7.3.12
Hawthorne PTA 7.3.15
Jackson Elementary PTA 7.3.20
Mill Creek Elementary PTA 7.3.37
Penny Creek Elementary PTA 7.3.42
Forest View PTA 7.3.7
Evergreen Middle School PTA 7.3.70
Heatherwood PTA 7.3.71
Gateway Middle School PTSA 7.3.72
Henry M Jackson High PTSA 7.3.95
Mukilteo Elementary PTSA 7.5.13
Sunnycrest PTSA 7.6.42
Crescent Harbor PTA 7.7.6
Glacier Park Elementary PTSA 9.14.5
Sawyer Woods PTA 9.7.57

This is the 4th year WSPTA has recognized Continuous Growth achievements for PTAs that have grown by at least one member for at least two consecutive years. This year we have had many PTAs attain the two years of Continuous Growth recognition. There is a listing of those PTAs at the Membership Table. As of April 1, we have 18 PTAs that have achieved Continuous Growth for at least three years consecutive years. They are:

**Continuous Growth 3+ years**
- Central Kitsap High PTSA 1.3.50
- iTech Preparatory PTSA 3.7.125
- Ben Franklin PTA 3.7.15
- Rocky Ridge PTA 5.3.14
- Eismann Elementary PTSA 5.8.25
- Briarcrest PTA 6.12.10
- Friends of Hawthorne PTA 6.15.155
- Lafayette Elementary PTSA 6.15.185
- Loyal Heights PTA 6.15.215
- Madrona K-8 PTSA 6.15.223
- Tahoma High PTSA 9.14.50
- Lakeland PTA 9.4.27
- Franklin Elementary PTA, 10.9.72
- West Valley High PTA 11.1.35
- Jefferson PTA 12.9.15

**4 years Continuous Growth**
- Roy PTSA 5.3.15
- Meridian Middle PTA 9.7.90

**6 years Continuous Growth**
- Everett Special Education PTSA 7.3.110
Leadership Service Award

The purpose of this program is to recognize and acknowledge leadership skills attained by PTA leaders throughout all levels of the association. PTA leaders are encouraged to join the Leadership Service Award program and submit their activity annually to create a record of their leadership in the association.

The program awards leadership points for leadership positions held in both PTA and other educational committees, classes presented, conference attendance, and other WSPTA and National PTA events. The award identifies four leadership levels from bronze to crystal.

The program is free to join. It is a great way to create a record of your leadership development that can be included in your professional résumé, as you gain the skills to become a leader in your community.

All levels are recognized with a certificate and a pin. Crystal awardees are recognized annually at the WSPTA Convention each spring.

Congratulations to this year’s awardees!

**Bronze**
Emilie Castle
Jessica Smiddy

**Silver**
Sara Balsley
Emilie Castle
Hai Evans
Jessica Smiddy

**Gold**
Emilie Castle
Beenish Iqbal
Jessica Smiddy
Crystal Hartwell

**Crystal**
Valerie Cunningham
Melissa Saunders
Carrie McKenzie