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Milton Foundation for Education Surprises Outstanding Teachers

Assistant Superintendent John Phelan calls it “the best day that we have each year in the Milton Public Schools,” and few would disagree. On May 1, Phelan joined Trustees from the Milton Foundation for Education in visiting the town’s schools to honor seven teachers for their exceptional work in the classroom. Those presented with the 2009 Outstanding Teacher Award were: Kathy Caccamo (Collicot), Laura Horowitz (Tucker), Kristin Masciarelli (Milton High School), Beth McElhaney (Pierce Middle School), Krista Sinton (Glover), Tanya Walsh (Cunningham). Martha Sherman, the chair of the Language Arts Department was selected to receive the Mary Grassa O’Neill Award for her work on behalf of all the schools.

The festivities began at 8:30 a.m. at the high school, with MFE Trustees and school staff surprising Masciarelli and her class with cake and refreshments. The impromptu celebratory visits continued throughout the morning, with stops at each of the schools. The Tucker visit was postponed as Horowitz was on maternity leave, though Tucker Principal Drew Echelson called Horowitz with the good news that day.

Barbara Avitabile-Mullen, a trustee of the MFE and member of the Outstanding Teacher Awards committee, said this was the ninth year that the MFE has presented these awards, and since the beginning, over 50 teachers have been honored. Avitabile-Mullen was extremely impressed with all the nominees this year, noting that “Despite these very challenging economic times, Milton teachers remain extraordinarily dedicated to providing our students with a superior education.”

All the Outstanding Teacher Award recipients will be honored at a special ceremony on May 20 at the Milton High School Auditorium. The reception begins at 6 p.m. and the ceremony starts at 7 p.m. The public is invited to this event.

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