

# CONNECTIONS

WEA-SAMMAMISH  
UNISERV COUNCIL

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: CONGRATULATIONS!

### WEA-SAMMAMISH NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS

After countless hours of documentation, writing, multiple video-taped classroom lessons, and a grueling written exam, 147 teachers from WEA-Sammamish were among the 919 Washington teachers who earned their National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certificate. Please give a 'high five' to these teachers as they join thousands of other Washington teachers in this prestigious certification.

They will receive a \$5000 (\$10,000 in a challenge school) annual stipend which, starting last year, also counts towards retirement. I am married to one of the new NBCT cadre and I can tell you that they clearly demonstrate a level of professionalism we should all be proud of.



ART GALLOWAY  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Congratulations to these teachers who have successfully completed the rigorous requirements to earn their National Board certification:

**Bellevue EA**—Lindzee Alvarez, Kristin Anstett, Dawn Abbott, Richard Baileykaze, Jason Benda, Erin Bethel, Mary Boettcher, Gerald Borth, Stacy Brewer, Jeffrey Bright, Lindsey Brown, Don Burrell, Monica Chapman, Holly Clark, Sara Clarke, Kindra Clayton, Sandrine Collomb, Laura Da, Thomas Danielsen, Monica Davies, Kelli Dhatt, Jessica Drennan, Kimberly Driscoll, Charles Duerr, Matthew Eisenhauer, Mackenzie Ellis, Clifford Ellis, Lisa Evanoff, Lisa Falkenhagen, Nancy Foster, Pamela Frank, Sherry Gaines, Erin Gehrke, Edward George, Alycia Gerlach, Bryona Golding, Jennifer Goldman, Jennifer Gonsiorowski, Charise Hallberg, Maureen Hallock, Thomas Hanify, Sarah Harkins, Tessa Heady, Nathaniel Heffter, Brett Heinemann, Sara H. Johnson, Kerry Jordan, Lyndsy Kline, Nicole Madsen, Mai-Britt Maki, Amy Mapes, Christine Marion, Lisa McCaskey, Rocio McCleary, Kristine McLane, Julia Meyering, Michelle Mordaunt, Julie Muchlinski, Scott Nara, Sarah Nehring, Jacob Nonis, Mary Nordstrom, Rebecca Nowak, Gail Oleson, Danielle Ottesen, Robert Prufer, Ingrid Saxon, Nicole Schoeneman, Nicole Shimizu, Erin Staggs, Jennifer Stevens, Kristi Stroyan, Jennifer Sun, Mercy Tamayo, Helene Tate, Tamara Truax, Leann Tuupo, Elsa Upham, Genevieve Vale, Patrick Van Dyke, Jean Vrbka, Elizabeth Wyckoff; **Issaquah EA**—Carol Best, Lori Fisher, Kara Heaphy, Gabrielle Herring, Kathryn Krueger, Jennifer Mountford, Rena Pitasky, Carrie Reckling, Kourtney Smith, Ann Swiftney, Michele Van More, Leah Van More, Jonathan Whitney;

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**Look for the Trivia Teaser on the last page to win a \$10 Starbucks gift card...**





**Mini Series in March**

New educators, would you like to learn about financial planning in these tough economic times? Do you have questions about your contract? What about bullying and the anti-bullying law? These were the hot topics requested in our survey and will be discussed on Tuesday, March 10 from 5 to 7 p.m.

We will have experts in these fields, including Greg Nelson from the Shelgren Financial Group, Carl Clausen, Bellevue National Board certified teacher who will present a power point and video on bullying, and your local EA president/vice president who will answer "What's My Contract?" questions.

If you are a new teacher, librarian, counselor, psychologist, or specialist in the first five years of your profession, this evening is designed for you. Please join us on Tuesday, March 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. for a fast-paced discussion, invaluable information, and a catered dinner.

All of this is available at no cost, while allowing you to earn clock hours for a \$5 fee as long as you have attended at least 2 sessions.



Please contact Charlotte Cole at [ccole@washingtonea.org](mailto:ccole@washingtonea.org) if you would like to register for this event.

**WEA Offers...**

Actually, this time it's OSPI who is offering scholarships for National Board candidates. Initial scholarship applications are being accepted for those considering National Board Certification in 2009-10. The scholarship is competitive and pays half of the \$2,500 NBPTS fee.

The deadline for applying is February 13. A second round of scholarships opens March 27. Details are at OSPI's website <http://www.k12.wa.us/certification/nbpts/>.

*Join us on March 10  
New Educator Caucus  
Mini Series*

*We will meet in the  
cafeteria at Sammamish  
High School in Bellevue.*

*For more information  
e-mail  
[ccole@washingtonea.org](mailto:ccole@washingtonea.org)*

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? Trivia Teaser... ?

? The northwesternmost point in the continental ?

? United States is ?

? 1. Birch Point ?

? 2. Cape Flattery ?

? 3. Neah Bay ?

? 4. Roche Harbor ?

? 5. Tatoosh Island ?

? E-mail [ccole@washingtonea.org](mailto:ccole@washingtonea.org) with your ?

? answer. All correct entries will be placed in ?

? the drawing for a \$10 Starbucks gift card. ?

? Melissa Dahl, BEA, was our last winner with ?

? the correct answer! The Evergreen Point ?

? Floating Bridge is the longest floating bridge ?

? in the world. ?

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**WEA-Sammamish Events**

Take the lead Cadre Meeting	2/12
NEA Pacific Regional Leadership Conference	2/13-2/15
President's Day- Office Closed	2/16
Member Lobby Day in Olympia	2/23
Presidents and Council Meeting	3/2
Read Across America Day	3/2
New Educator Caucus	3/10
ESP National Conference	3/11-3/15
*Town Hall Meetings- 5th, 41st, 45th, 48th	3/14

\*Details will be on our council website at [www.weasam.org](http://www.weasam.org) when they become available.