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State Board Recognizes New National Board Certified Teachers

The New Jersey State Board of Education recognized the state's 2002-2003 National Board Certified teachers today. Sixteen public school teachers achieved certification, the teaching profession's highest honor, bringing the state's total to sixty-eight.

"The State Board honors the commitment to success exhibited by these teachers," State Board President Arnold G. Hyndman stated. "These sixteen individuals, working with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, uphold high standards for professional performance and have strengthened their educational expertise through those standards by demonstrating their deep content knowledge and effective teaching practices."

The National Board of Professional Teaching Standards is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization governed by a board of directors, the majority of whom are classroom teachers. Their mission is to advance the quality of teaching and learning by: maintaining high and rigorous standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do, providing a national voluntary system certifying teachers who meet these standards, and advocating related education reforms to integrate National Board Certification in American education and to capitalize on the expertise of National Board Certified Teachers. The National Board believes that creating pathways to improved student learning is at the core of their philosophy.

"The department is proud of these teachers and proud of their commitment to excellence in the classroom," Commissioner of Education William L. Librera added. "The department will continue to provide the subsidies needed to support individual teachers participating in the program. Keeping in line with the goals of Governor James E. McGreevey's 21-Point Plan for Education, we will continue to increase the number of New Jersey Teachers who are National Board Certified, and to support teachers who seek that certification."

In June 2003, Governor McGreevey, the Department of Education, the Business Coalition for Educational Excellence and several New Jersey colleges announced a landmark professional development package to support candidates for the National Board Certification process through state subsidies and graduate credits.

The list of the honored teachers are as follows:

Shirley Allen	Gloucester Township Schools	Early Adolescence/English Language Arts
David Argese	West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional	Early Adolescence/English Mathematics
Lynn Audet	Perth Amboy City	Early Childhood/Generalist
Janet McCoid	Franklin Township	Early Childhood/Generalist
Keith Hodgson	Mainland Regional	Early Adolescence Through Young Adulthood/Music
Julie Joyce	Rumson Boro	Early Adolescence Through Young Adulthood/Exceptional Needs Specialist
Linda Koos	North Brunswick Township	Early Adolescence/English Language Arts
Rebecca McLelland	Perth Amboy City	Early Adolescence Through Young Adulthood/Science
Jodie Miller	Randolph	Adolescence and Young Adulthood/Mathematics
Robert O'Boyle	Hopewell	Valley Regional Early Adolescence Through Adulthood/Art
Trista Pollard	Westfield Township	Middle Childhood/Generalist
Michael Randall	Newark City	Early Adolescence/English Language Arts
Christina Rodek	Franklin Township	Early Childhood/Generalist
Sally Ann Ruggiero	Medford Township	Early Childhood/Generalist
Wendy Smith	Pace Charter School of Hamilton	Early Childhood/Generalist
Jo Ann Williams	Newark City	Early Adolescence/English Language Arts

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