



Statement from Acting Commissioner Repollet on Teacher of the Year Announcement

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Trenton, NJ –Acting Education Commissioner Lamont O. Repollet today commended New Jersey's Teacher of the Year, Amy T. Anderson, one of four finalists for the National Teacher of the Year title, for "igniting enthusiasm and showcasing exceptional teaching in New Jersey." This morning, it was announced that Mandy Manning of Washington State was named the National Teacher of the Year.

"We congratulate Ms. Manning, and we are especially pleased that, for the first time since 1972, a New Jersey teacher was a finalist for this national honor," said Dr. Repollet. "Amy's achievements place the spotlight on some of the amazing instruction that occurs every day in New Jersey classrooms."

Amy T. Anderson, an American Sign Language (ASL) educator from Ocean City High School in Cape May County, was recognized for making strides in fostering understanding of those with hearing loss. The ASL program Ms. Andersen spearheaded went from 42 students to 138 and now has a waiting list of students eager to participate. In addition, 85 percent of Ms. Andersen's students went on to achieve the New Jersey Seal of Biliteracy.

For more information, go to the NJDOE's [Teacher of the Year webpage](#).

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