

Teacher of the Year Committee – elementary school

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Lindsay Bliven for consideration for the 2020 Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award. Lindsay has been a teacher for 11 years with the last 9 years teaching at Ashaway Elementary School.

Lindsay's passion of helping others has allowed her to dive deeper into curriculum and assisting colleagues with incorporating technology with their instruction. Her emphasis of focusing on rigor for all students allows students to benefit from immediate feedback. Bliven's daily lessons reflect the blended learning model and differentiated instruction that meet the needs of all students.

Lindsay earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Rhode Island. She is certified in first through sixth grade elementary education.

Bliven recently won the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. It was administered by the National Science Foundation, the awards, which were announced on Oct. 15, recognize outstanding mathematics and science teachers from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories. This recognition was established in 1983. Each year the President may recognize up to 108 teachers.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) are the highest honors bestowed by the United States government specifically for K-12 science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and/or computer science teaching. Along with the certificate signed by the President of the United States, a trip to Washington DC and will also receive a sizeable monetary award.

Bliven is now one of more than 4,800 teachers that have been recognized for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession at the national level. Through this recognition Lindsay will be able to enhance her instruction skill set in assisting students that experience challenges with math with her new network of math teachers across the United States.

Lindsay Bliven has truly demonstrated her love of teaching as evidenced with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching It is without hesitation that I nominate Lindsay Bliven for the 2020 Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.