

## News release



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### **Henry M. Jackson High science teacher earns national award**

*New teacher Lauren Dandridge recognized by National Science Teachers Association*

Lauren Dandridge, a science teacher at Henry M. Jackson High School, earned the Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award for New Teachers. The award, for up to 25 teachers across the nation, covers the costs for teachers of elementary, middle and high school K-12 in their first five years of teaching to attend the annual national conference.

Dandridge received her award earlier this month at a special banquet and ceremony at National Science Teachers Association's (NSTA) 62nd National Conference on Science Education in Boston, MA. As an award recipient, Dandridge has been mentored, tracked and received support and meaningful opportunities for connections with NSTA and its programs on behalf of science learning.

NSTA is the largest professional organization in the world promoting excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning. NSTA President Bill Badders, describes the purpose of the Teacher Awards program as recognizing extraordinary K-12 teachers, professors, principals, and science educators for their outstanding achievements in science education. "We're proud to honor these amazing teachers and science education professionals who are not only making a significant mark on the profession, but also inspiring the next generation of informed citizens, scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and innovators," he commented. "Through their passion, patience, and dedication, and by instilling a sense of wonder about science, they are helping to build a more promising future for all students."

"We congratulate Ms. Dandridge for her lifelong commitment to science education and for her innovative and creative approach to teaching our students science," said Badders.

NSTA encourages science educators to apply for its 2015 Teacher Awards. Applications and information are [online](#).

#### **About NSTA**

The Arlington, VA-based [National Science Teachers Association](#) is the largest professional organization in the world promoting excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning for all. NSTA's current membership includes approximately

55,000 science teachers, science supervisors, administrators, scientists, business and industry representatives, and others involved in science education.

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