



NABT Announces Winners of the 2025 Outstanding Biology Teacher Award

July 8, 2025 - The [National Association of Biology Teachers \(NABT\)](#) is proud to announce the recipients of this year's [Outstanding Biology Teacher Award \(OBTA\)](#).

Established in 1962, the OBTA is one of the most prestigious honors that NABT bestows upon biology teachers. Each year, the program attempts to recognize an outstanding biology educator (grades 7-12) in each of the 50 states, Washington, DC, Puerto Rico, Canadian Provinces and Territories, and U.S. overseas territories.

This year, NABT will be honoring 27 OBTA's. These teachers completed a rigorous application process to demonstrate excellence in the classroom, devotion to their students, and a degree of professionalism that their colleagues recognize as truly "outstanding." They will join the ranks of over 2,500 teachers who have been recognized with this lifetime award.

"I offer a heartfelt congratulations to all the incredible educators who are this year's recipients of the National Association of Biology Teachers' Outstanding Biology Teacher Award! Your unwavering dedication, innovative teaching, and profound impact on students have been recognized by your peers because you set a remarkable standard for our profession," said Dr. Kirstin Milks, NABT President and 2018 OBTA recipient. We celebrate your commitment to fostering a love for biology and shaping the future through your work. Thank you for your exceptional contributions to life science education!"

A full listing of the 2025 Outstanding Biology Teacher Awardees is below. More information about the awardees will be shared in the coming months.



Region I (CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT)

Tonya Prentice
Tremont Consolidated
School
Bass Harbor, ME

Kaitlin Dinett
Abbott Lawrence
Academy
Lawrence, MA

Peter Dumont
Newfound High School
Bristol, NH

Region II (DE, DC, MD, NJ, NY, PA, VA)

Kimberly Burton

Archbishop Curley High School
Baltimore, MD

Kirsten Salonga

Justice High School
Falls Church, VA

Madelyn Lin

William Cullen Bryant High School
Long Island City, NY

Stefanie Ribecca

Hopwell Valley Central High School
Pennington, NJ

Laura Himler

Upper Merion Area High School
King of Prussia, PA

Region III (IL, IN, MI, OH, WI)

Hannah Shepherd

New Washington
Middle/High School
New Washington, IN

Roger Blevins

Huron High School
Huron, OH

Shane Cullian

Badger High School
Lake Geneva, WI

Region IV (IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD)

Gregory Barord

Central Campus
Des Moines, IA

Robin Dennis

Olathe South High
School
Olathe, KS

Jessica Popescu

Herndon Career Center
Raytown, MO

Region V (KY, NC, SC, TN, WV)

Benjamin Davis

Robbinsville High School
Robbinsville, NC

Richard McKown

Huntington High School
Huntington, WV

Region VI (AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, PR)

Myra Cowan

Mason County High
School
Maysville, KY

Brittany Moss

Harris County High
School
Hamilton, GA

Megan Brooks

West Harrison High
School
Gulfport, Mississippi

Suzanne Mathew

Hoover High School
Hoover, AL

Robin Cobb

Eva Legard
Baton Rouge, LA

Region VII (AZ, AR, NM, OK, TX)

Cristi Sims
Arizona College Prep
High School
Chandler, AZ

Geizi Dejka
San Juan College High
School
Farmington, NM

Laura Robinette Minor
St. Michael's Prep
Austin, TX

Region VIII (CO, ID, MT, NV, UT, WY)

Jean Placko
Bozeman High School
Bozeman, MT

Erin Capra
West High School
Salt Lake City, UT

Deborah Jensen
Rock Springs High
School
Rock Springs, WY

The 2025 OBTA's will be honored during a special presentation at the [NABT Professional Development Conference](#) in St. Louis on November 1st.

NABT would also like to thank our amazing OBTA Directors, whose ongoing commitment to this program makes the award possible.

Nominations for the *2026 Outstanding Biology Teacher Award (OBTA)* are currently being accepted. Honor an outstanding teacher in your state or province by nominating them today at [NABT Awards Nominations](#).

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About NABT: Since being established in 1938, the [National Association of Biology Teachers \(NABT\)](#) has been the recognized "leader in life science education." Thousands of educators have joined NABT to share experiences and expertise with colleagues from around the globe; keep up with trends and developments in the field; and grow professionally. For more information about NABT, please visit www.NABT.org.

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