

MAINE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

JOSEPH HENNESSEY



2019 Maine Teacher of the Year & 2018 Piscataquis County Teacher of the Year

Maine's 2019 Teacher of the Year is Mr. Joe Hennessey!

Joe Hennessey is an English teacher at Piscataquis Community High School in Guilford, Maine. During his tenure at PCHS, Mr. Hennessey has developed and implemented six new interdisciplinary literature-based curricula with emphases on active reading strategies, analytical writing, vocabulary and grammar application exercises, and formal public speaking. Additionally, with colleagues in the Social Studies department, he has co-developed and co-taught an annual Project-Based global affairs course and currently serves as a member to the Camden Conference in the Classroom Committee.

He was selected by his students as the Faculty Speaker in 2015 and 2018 and received the Yearbook Dedication in 2016 and 2018. In 2013-2014 he was named the Teacher of the Year at Collegiate Academy of Colorado. Mr. Hennessey is a Graduate with Distinction in Humanities from the University of Colorado at Boulder and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Nominated by: John Keane, Principal

Mr. Hennessey is a unique and highly effective teacher. His formal manner and personality combined with a dry sense of humor and setting high standards for his students, make him an icon of our school. He is a co-teacher and original designer of a high-level class entitled, Camden Conference. With only four years with

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us, he has become legendary amongst his students and their families. Watching him in class is truly watching a person who has honed his craft to perfection.

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