

Maine's 2017 Teacher of the Year is Ms. Tamara Ranger, a middle school reading interventionist at Skowhegan Area Middle School. She has held this position since 2009. She has also served as a 7/8 Grade ELA teacher.

Tammy started her teaching career in 1999 as a sixth-grade reading and social studies teacher at the Margaret Chase Smith School in MSAD 54. She is a yoga instructor at School Street Yoga, the New Balance Factory and the Woodlawn Nursing and Rehab Facility. She sits on the board of the Waterville Public Library and is a volunteer at the Evening Soup and Sandwich Program in Waterville. In addition to teaching middle school students, Tammy has shared her talent with pre-professional teachers as an adjunct instructor at UMaine teaching a methods course in English/Language Arts.

Tammy earned her initial National Board Certification in 2005 and renewed in 2015. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with a concentration in Literacy from the University of Maine at Farmington, and a Masters in K-12 Literacy from University of Maine.