

Ballard High School Outstanding Educator, Golden Acorn, & Outstanding Advocate Award

The Ballard High School PTSA gives an Outstanding Educator, Golden Acorn, and, at times, an Outstanding Advocate Award at the end of the school year. We try to acknowledge people that have not been recognized in the recent past. Recipients receive a certificate and pin, and a contribution is made in their name to the [WA State PTA Scholarship Program](#).

Golden Acorn

The Golden Acorn Award is offered by the Washington State PTA in recognition of a volunteer(s) for his/her dedication and service to children and youth. It recognizes volunteer service “above and beyond” a particular job description.

Outstanding Educator

The Outstanding Educator Award recognizes educators who provide outstanding educational opportunities for children and youth that are beyond the normal scope of their jobs, to make the learning environment fun, beneficial, and challenging.

Outstanding Advocate

Established in 2004 by the WA State PTA, the Outstanding Advocate Award recognizes and honors an individual for continued and dedicated service to ALL children, and a demonstrated commitment to helping create strong policies relating to the health, welfare, safety, and education of children and youth.

School Year	Outstanding Educator	Golden Acorn	Outstanding Advocate
2019-2020	Marie Lassley, Robin Dowdy, Robyn Maddess	Heather Bioren	Richard “Dick” Lee Honorary Lifetime Award: Mara Lim
2018-2019	Kira Franz-Knight, Nell Niewiadomski, Melissa Baron	Mara Lim, Jenny Peters	Joel Niemeyer
2017-2018	Sachiko Smith, Timothy Stedman	Sharon and Jeff Parker	Diane Taylor
2016-2017	Matt Lawrence, Jack Thompson	Mike and Jill Hansen, Diane Taylor	

2015-2016	John Foster Brittany Newell	Pam Dundas Lori Bjorklund	Demian Godon Honorary Special Award: Lisa Fitch
2014-2015	Michael Broom, Oana Rus, Shelley Vertucci	Kim Flin, Ivan Lysene, Jenny Thomson	Heidi Bennett
2013-2014	Debbie Arthur, Lorie Buob, Joe McColskey, Eric Muhs	Lisa Fitch, Sue Verduin, John Verduin, Ron Wang	
2012-2013	John Nygaard, John Herbert, Shawn Riley	Torii Guettler, Sue Rauda, Kathleen Marks, Doug Brownlee	
2011-2012	India Carlson, Sandy Jensen	Betty Brownlee, Patti Kost, Ted Inkley	
2010-2011	Ted Nutting, Sooz Stahl	Shawn Burkland, Sue Daley, Sue Redman	
2009-2010	Julie Chapman, Alicia Hale, Courtney Rowley, Megan Vogel, Jill Zawatski	Kathy Bowen, Diane Darling, Suzanne Matchett, Cindy Peterson	
2008-2009	Debbi Bower, Dewey Moody, Craig Nielsen, Michael Smith	Jerri Harden, Mark & Nancy Ellen Elster, Lori Hingten	
2007-2008	Michael James, Matt Lawrence	Michael Smith, Jim Vatn, Patty McVicker	
2006-2007		Phil Brockman, Cindy Richter-Juarez, Lyn Porterfield, Mary Wong	
2005-2006		Carol White, Donna Dwyer-O'Connor, Vivian Belcher, Toni Bukowski	
2004-2005		Ann Farr, Debbie Geddes	

2003-2004	Charles Chinn, Penny Pagels	Susie Wyman, Sue Gregor. Lorna Hamill, Rita Lambert	
2002-2003		Laurie Ford, Diane Steen, Shelagh Bradley Mary Kay Olson	
2001-2002		Paul & Pam Plumis Peter Maier	
2000-2001		Josie Cleveland	
1999-2000		Michael & Mary Banks Melissa Baar	
1998-1999		Grayce Mitchell Carbina Resendez	