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The Lieutenant Governor's Teaching Award honours teaching profession

His Honour, Brigadier-General the Honourable J.J. Grant, CMM, ONS, CD (Ret'd) Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, has re-established the Lieutenant Governor's Teaching Award in partnership with the Nova Scotia Teachers Union. The Lieutenant Governor's Teaching Award was instituted by the Honourable Myra A. Freeman, CM, ONS, MSM in 2005 to celebrate the positive influence teachers have on the students and communities they serve.

"Every day, teachers across the province go above and beyond the call of duty to support their students, their communities and their profession," says Lt.-Gov. J.J. Grant. "It is my great pleasure to recognize their extraordinary service to the people of Nova Scotia with this lieutenant governor's award."

Each year a teacher will be selected to represent the teaching profession in Nova Scotia. Potential recipients are nominated by colleagues, active teachers, administrators or Community College members of the NSTU. The recipient will exemplify the outstanding leadership, dedication, commitment, and achievement by teachers to the youth of our province within our public schools and the Community College to foster the growth of their students, their communities and their profession.

"This award highlights and celebrates the positive influence teachers and Community College members have on the students and communities they serve," says NSTU president, Shelley Morse. "We are pleased His Honour has re-established this award and are honoured to continue to participate in this initiative."

To be eligible, the successful candidate must be an active teacher or administrator working in a Nova Scotia public school or Community College and a member of the NSTU.

The Lieutenant Governor and the NSTU president will host an Award Recognition Ceremony for the recipient of the award at a date yet to be determined. The Lieutenant Governor's Teaching Award is generously supported by Johnson Inc.

Members of the Retired Teachers Organization (RTO) executive and a representative from the Office of the Lieutenant Governor comprise the award selection committee. The deadline for the nomination forms is Friday, February 14, 2014 by 4:30 p.m. Nomination forms are found on the NSTU website at nstu.ca.

The Nova Scotia Teachers Union represents more than 10,000 public school teachers, Community College faculty and professional support staff and teachers who work for the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority. Since 1895, it has worked to improve the quality of public education in Nova Scotia.

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