

THE SELECTION PROCESS

- A. The documents submitted for each nominee will be evaluated quantitatively and qualitatively.
- B. Candidates will be asked to submit a written proposal outlining:
- The candidate's concept of the roles and responsibility of the Teacher of the Year
 - How the 'Teacher of the Year' will assist in the development of education in Jamaica
- (No more than 500 words)**
- C. Nominees will be short-listed, after which, selected candidates from each Region will be interviewed. One finalist will be selected from each Region.
- D. All finalists will be visited at their schools.
- E. All finalists will be interviewed by a panel. The Teacher of the Year will then be selected.
- F. In addition to the top award of Teacher of the Year, sectional prizes will be awarded to the Most Outstanding Teacher in each Region.

NOTE

As a condition of the award the Teacher of the Year is required to participate in various professional development activities hosted by the Ministry of Education and the LASCO Group of Companies.

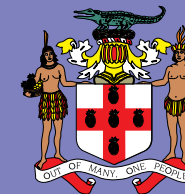
Mrs. Jacqueline Simpson-Huntley



Teacher of the Year 2009/2010
(Ewarton High School)

For further information please call:

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- The Community Relations Education Officer
at any of the Regional Office
 - Region 1: 922-1400-9
 - Region 2: 993-5603/ 993-5724-5
 - Region 3: 975-2716/ 917-8442
 - Region 4: 953-6929-30/ 684-9942-3/ 953-6928
 - Region 5: 962-1753/ 962-7098/ 625-2219
 - Region 6: 983-1654-5/ 983-1984/745-3695-7
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The Ministry of
Education

TEACHER

of the
Year
Award
2010/2011



Awarding excellence in TEACHING

BEHIND EVERY SUCCESSFUL PERSON IS A CARING TEACHER

Teachers deserve recognition for the colossal task that is done each day molding the lives of students. This is your opportunity to identify those teachers at your school who are clearly 'a cut above the rest'.

Let's award and celebrate excellence in our schools. Go ahead ! Nominate and recognize a great teacher who has made a difference!!

NOMINATE Him / Her NOW!!!

*Every Child Can Learn
Every Child Must Learn*

BACKGROUND

“LASCO Salute to Teachers,” Teacher of the Year Award, began in 1998. This prestigious Award is given in recognition of outstanding performance of teachers in all categories of schools.

Over the years, modifications were made to the programme and a partnership was forged with the Ministry of Education. The year 2010 marks the fifth year of this partnership.

At the national level, this programme is currently the only one of its kind. The Award not only honours a single individual, but also the entire profession.

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this award is to give recognition to teachers who exemplify the highest standards of professionalism through outstanding and creative teaching.

Nomination Process

1. Collect nomination and evaluation forms from your Regional Office or the Professional Development Unit at the Ministry of Education. Nomination and evaluation forms will also be available on the Ministry's and Lasco's website www.moe.gov.jm and www.lascojamaica.com respectively.
2. Each school is permitted to nominate no more than THREE teachers for this award. The following persons are permitted to nominate teachers:
 - a. Any teacher can nominate him/herself
 - b. Teaching Colleagues
 - c. Students
 - d. Parents
 - e. Members of the School Board
3. In order to qualify, the nomination forms must be completed and submitted with the following documents:

- a. Evaluation forms completed by three teachers (Principal, Vice Principal, Head of Department, Grade Supervisor)
- b. Evaluation forms completed by three students
- c. Evaluation forms completed by three parents
- d. A copy of the teacher's performance appraisal report along with a short typed letter of recommendation from the principal on the school's letter head
- e. A short typed resume showing educational qualifications, teaching experiences, activities and achievements MUST be provided.

4. NOMINATION DAY JANUARY 27, 2010

NOTE:

- Nomination Form and supporting documents are to be returned to the Regional Office by February 10, 2010. Evidence must be provided through portfolios including documentation of best practices
- Many individuals potentially deserve the Teacher of the Year Award, therefore, past recipients will **NOT** be considered

TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD SELECTION CRITERIA

Candidates will be judged on the following criteria:

1. **Employment Status**
 - Be a trained teacher
 - Be permanently employed
2. **Classroom Competency**
 - Demonstrate planned visionary approaches to curriculum, delivery and assessment.
 - Motivate and inspire students to learn.

Evidence must be provided through portfolios including documentation of best practices.

3. Commitment to Education

- Be involved in programmes which meet the academic and social needs of students.
- Contribute meaningfully to the enhancement of the institution.

4. Professional Development

- Be active in a professional organization.
- Participate in professional development activities.

5. Community Involvement

- Illustrate community involvement e.g. Civic Groups, Church, Outreach and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs).

6. Effective Communication Skills

- Demonstrate language flexibility in the interest of students' learning.
- Organize and present oral and written information in a clear and effective manner.

7. Scholarly Work

- Present published or unpublished works.