MiT Alumni Recognitions and Awards

**The Evergreen State College Teacher Education Programs PK12 Distinguished Educator of the Year Recipients:**

**Rand Hodgson, MiT ’10**, 2017 award for his work as a positive behavior intervention support specialist for the North Thurston School District in Lacey, WA which helps promote graduation rates, attendance and connections with community mentors.

**MICHAELA GILE, MiT ’99**, 2016 award for her exemplary English teaching and coordinating curriculum to creatie a safe, therapeutic learning environment to meet the diverse needs of adolescents with significant trauma histories who are in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction at Northshore Recovery High School, Beverly, MA.

**CINDEL TOBIAS**, **MiT ‘10**, 2015 award for her effective math teaching and diversity leadership at Olympia High School in Olympia, WA.

**SEAN RILEY, MiT ‘05**, 2014 award for English teaching at Global Connections H.S. in Sea-Tac. Sean also speaks up: he participated in the Seattle Times “Under Our Skin – What do we mean when we talk about race?” video project, the Ignite Education Lab town hall, and has published essays on testing and the re-segregation of schools.

**ROB CAHILL**, **MiT ‘08**, 2013 PK-12 award for his creative teaching and sustainability leadership at Lakes Elementary, Lacey. He now teaches for an international school in Saudi Arabia.

**KATE (TRAFTON) HUDSON**, **MiT ‘03**, 2012 Middle School Award. She teaches science at Reeves MS in Olympia, WA.

**JANET O’HALLORAN**, **MiT ’98**, 2012

Elementary Educator Award.. Janet works with third graders at McKenny Elementary, Olympia, WA.

**TIM HOLMAN**, **MiT ‘99**, 2012 High School Educator Award. Tim does outstanding work with Dupont Manual High School students in KY.

**CECILY SCHMIDT**, **MiT ‘04**, won Evergreen’s first K-12 Distinguished Educator of the Year Award in 2011 for her inspired art teaching at Olympia’s Capital High.

**Other recognitions of note:**

**AMY SOLOMON-MINARCHI, MiT ’10,** named in spring 2017 Olympia’s first poet laureate. She inspires a love of English in her high school students in Lacey, WA.

**CHELSEA ALTRUM, MiT ’11** (science**), Fred Ericson MiT ’01** (h.s.social studies) and **Katie Agren MiT ’07** (middle school social studies) were honored with 2017 Teacher of the Year awards from the North Thurston Teachers Association.

**NATE BOWLING, MiT ‘06**, 2016 Washington State Teacher of the Year, the 2016 Puget Sound Educational Service District Regional Teacher of the Year, and was a national teacher of the year semi-finalist.

**Kelly Cowgill, MiT ‘15**, is featured in articles on being a new teacher in the Oregon Education Association’s 2015-16 magazines:

“First in Class” – (p. 24) <https://issuu.com/todaysoea/docs/toea_fall2015_final>

“The Toughest Challenge” – (p. 22) <https://issuu.com/todaysoea/docs/toea_winter2016_final>

“An Inextinguishable Force of Optimism” – (p. 30) <https://issuu.com/todaysoea/docs/toea_spring16_v4_web>

See more at: http://www.evergreen.edu/mit/recognition.htm