



2015

REGIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS:

The Governor Walter R. Peterson Award for Leadership
James T. Brett, President, The New England Council

The Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement
Tim Donovan, Former Chancellor, Vermont State Colleges

The Robert J. McKenna Award for Program Achievement
Rhode Island KIDS COUNT

The David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship
Patricia Collins, Former Chair, Board of Trustees, University of Maine System
and
Samuel S. Bergami, Jr., Chair, Board of Governors, University of New Haven

The Business Contribution to Higher Education Award
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STATE MERIT AWARDS:

Connecticut
Booker T. DeVaughn, President Emeritus, Three Rivers Community College

Maine
University of New England

Massachusetts
Carole A. Cowan, President, Middlesex Community College

New Hampshire
Father Jonathan DeFelice, Former President, Saint Anselm College

Rhode Island
Susan F. Lusi, Superintendent, Providence Schools

Vermont
Mark S. Young, Trustee, University of Vermont



2014

REGIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS:

The Governor Walter R. Peterson Award for Leadership
Robert A. DeLeo, Speaker, Massachusetts House of Representatives

The Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement
Elsa M. Núñez, President, Eastern Connecticut State University

The Robert J. McKenna Award for Program Achievement
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The David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship
Edward C. Dupont, Chair, Board of Trustees, Vermont College of Fine Arts
and
Gary W. Moore, Chair, Board of Trustees, Vermont State Colleges

STATE MERIT AWARDS:

Connecticut

Fairfield University/Bridgeport Schools Partnership

Maine

Target Technology Incubator, University of Maine

Massachusetts

Mary K. Grant, President, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

New Hampshire

Franklin Pierce University/Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club Camp Quest Program

Rhode Island

Adrian van Alphen, Director, Rhode Island Student Loan Authority

Vermont

J. Warren and Lois McClure Foundation



2013

SPECIAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

Robert D. Ballard, Director, Institute for Archaeological Oceanography

REGIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS:

The Governor Walter R. Peterson Award for Leadership

Thomas D. Ritter, Former Speaker of the Connecticut House of Representatives
and Trustee, University of Connecticut

The Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement

Ray M. Di Pasquale, Commissioner, Rhode Island Board of Governors of Higher Education
&

Donald R. Vickers, President and CEO, Vermont Student Assistance Corporation

The Robert J. McKenna Award for Program Achievement

New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Scholarship Program

The David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship

Louise S. Berry, Former Chair, Board of Trustees; Connecticut Community College System
&

James Karam, Former Chair, Board of Trustees, University of Massachusetts
and President and CEO, First Bristol Corporation

**REGIONAL AND STATE MERIT EXCELLENCE AWARDS
FOR BUSINESS CONTRIBUTION TO HIGHER EDUCATION:**

Connecticut

Employee Scholar Program, United Technologies

Maine

Unum

STATE MERIT AWARDS:

Massachusetts

Massachusetts Community Colleges Experiential Education Committee

New Hampshire

Northeast Delta Dental

Rhode Island

Neil Steinberg and The Rhode Island Foundation

Vermont

Johnson State College External Degree Program



2012

REGIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS:

The Governor Walter R. Peterson Award for Leadership

The Hon. Deval Patrick, Governor, Massachusetts

&

The Hon. Donald L. Carcieri, former Governor, Rhode Island

The Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement

Richard A. Gustafson, former Chancellor, Community College System of New Hampshire

The Robert J. McKenna Award for Program Achievement

Bunker Hill Community College Learning Communities

The David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship

Cornelius Hogan, Chair, Board of Trustees, Vermont College of Fine Arts

STATE MERIT AWARDS:

Connecticut

Connecticut College of Technology (Connecticut Community College System) and Karen Wosczyzna-Birch, Director

Maine

Early College for ME, Maine Community College System

Massachusetts

Donald J. Smyth, Trustee, Bristol Community College

New Hampshire

Paul J. LeBlanc, President, Southern New Hampshire University

Rhode Island

Ronald K. Machtley, President, Bryant University

Vermont

Vermont Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), University of Vermont



2011

REGIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS:

The Governor Walter R. Peterson Award for Leadership
The Hon. Patrick J. Leahy, United States Senator, Vermont

The Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement
Terrence MacTaggart, former Chancellor, University of Maine System

The Robert J. McKenna Award for Program Achievement for Program Achievement
Eastern Connecticut State University & Quinebaug Valley Community College Dual Enrollment Program

The David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship
Kimon Zachos, Trustee, Southern New Hampshire University

STATE MERIT AWARDS:

Connecticut

The Hon. Denise Merrill, Connecticut Secretary of State and former member of the Connecticut House of Representatives

Maine

The Bernard Osher Foundation

Massachusetts

The Hon. Steven C. Panagiotakos, former member of the Massachusetts Senate

New Hampshire

**New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF)
Center for College Planning**

Rhode Island

Big Picture Learning and Dennis Littky, Co-Founder and Co-Director

Vermont

Vermont Dual Enrollment Program



2010

REGIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS:

The Governor Walter R. Peterson Award for Leadership
The Hon. John F. Tierney, U.S. Representative, Massachusetts

The Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement
James Wright, President Emeritus, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire

The Robert J. McKenna Award for Program Achievement for Program Achievement
College of the Atlantic, Maine

&

David F. Finney, President, Champlain College, Vermont

The David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship

The Hon. Martha P. Heath, Vermont House of Representatives

&

Robert K. Sheridan, President and CEO, The Savings Bank Life Insurance Company of
Massachusetts

STATE MERIT AWARDS:

Connecticut

Capital Crossroads to Careers (C3) Program, Capital Community College

Maine

Henry Bourgeois, Executive Director, Maine Compact for Higher Education

Massachusetts

Northeastern University Cooperative Education Program

New Hampshire

Energy Services and Technology Program, Lakes Region Community College

Rhode Island

Daniel McKee, Mayor, Town of Cumberland

Vermont

Quantum Leap, Bennington College



2009

REGIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS:

The Governor Walter R. Peterson Award for Leadership
The Hon. George J. Mitchell, Former U.S. Senator, Maine

The Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement
David S. Wolk, President, Castleton State College, Vermont

The Robert J. McKenna Award for Program Achievement
Sol Gittleman, Tufts University, Massachusetts

The David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship
Paul J. Holloway, Chair, Board of Trustees, Community College System of New Hampshire
&
Lawrence D. McHugh, Chair, Board of Trustees, Connecticut State University System

STATE MERIT AWARDS:

Connecticut

Merle W. Harris, President Emerita, Charter Oak State College

Maine

Robert L. Woodbury, Former Chancellor, University of Maine System

Massachusetts

Senator Frederick E. Berry, Majority Leader, Massachusetts State Senate

New Hampshire

The Marlin Fitzwater Center for Communication, Franklin Pierce University

Rhode Island

The Hon. John C. Revens, Jr., Senate President Pro Tempore, Rhode Island State Senate

Vermont

Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center



2008

REGIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS:

The Governor Walter R. Peterson Award for Leadership
The Hon. John H. Lynch, Governor, New Hampshire

The Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement
Robert L. Carothers, President, University of Rhode Island

The Robert J. McKenna Award for Program Achievement for Program Achievement
Boys & Girls Club of Burlington, Vermont

The David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship
Robert S. Karam, Principal, Karam Financial Group, Massachusetts

STATE MERIT AWARDS:

Connecticut

Jonathan Daube, President, Manchester Community College

Maine

Senator George J. Mitchell Scholarship Research Institute

Massachusetts

The Massachusetts School-to-College Data Policy Team

New Hampshire

Keene State College's Cohen Center for Holocaust Studies

Rhode Island

Dorcas Place Adult and Family Learning Center

Vermont

John F. Brennan, President, Green Mountain College



2007

REGIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS:

The Governor Walter R. Peterson Award for Leadership
The Hon. James M. Jeffords, Former U.S. Senator, Vermont

The Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement
John Silber, President-Emeritus, Boston University

The Robert J. McKenna Award for Program Achievement for Program Achievement
Frederick Hutchinson Center, University of Maine
&
The School of Community Economic Development, Southern New Hampshire University

The David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship
Michael Audet, Former Chairman, Board of Trustees, Vermont State Colleges

STATE MERIT AWARDS:

Connecticut
Connecticut-Baden-Wurttemberg Sister-State Higher Education Program

Maine
Onward Program, University of Maine

Massachusetts
Dr. Irving Fradkin, Founder and President-Emeritus, Dollars for Scholars

New Hampshire
Ingrid Lemaire, New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation
&
Peter V. Sampo, Founder and President-Emeritus, Thomas More College of Liberal Arts

Rhode Island
The Initiative to Educate Afghan Women

Vermont
The Hon. James H. Douglas, Governor, State of Vermont



2006

REGIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS:

The Governor Walter R. Peterson Award for Leadership
The Hon. J. Joseph Garrahy, Former Governor, Rhode Island

The Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement
Father J. Donald Monan, Chancellor, Boston College

The Robert J. McKenna Award for Program Achievement for Program Achievement
Project Running Start, New Hampshire Technical Community College System

The David C. Knapp Award for Trusteeship
Grace K. Fey, Former Trustee, University of Massachusetts Boston

STATE MERIT AWARDS:

Connecticut

William J. Cibes, Chancellor, Connecticut State University System
&
William H. Schwab (*posthumously*), President-Emeritus, Norwalk Community College

Maine

Maine Policy Review, University of Maine

Massachusetts

Ann Coles, Senior Vice President, College Access Program, TERI (The Education Resource Institute) and Director, Pathways to College Network

New Hampshire

Jobs for New Hampshire's Graduates

Rhode Island

Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority

Vermont

International Business Machines (IBM)/Vermont State Colleges/The University of Vermont Education Consortium Project



2005

REGIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS:

The Governor Walter R. Peterson Award for Leadership
Dr. Frank Newman, Former Director of The Futures Project, Brown University

The Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement
The Hon. Melody A. Currey, State Representative, Connecticut

The Robert J. McKenna Award for Program Achievement for Program Achievement
National Science Foundation GK-12 Fellows Project, University of Maine, Orono

STATE MERIT AWARDS:

Connecticut

Connecticut Health Hospital Education Partners

Maine

Parents as Scholars Program

Massachusetts

Richard Freeland, President, Northeastern University

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Institute of Politics, Saint Anselm College

Rhode Island

The Hon. Frank Caprio, Chair, Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education

Vermont

University of Vermont Center for Sustainable Agriculture



2004

REGIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS:

The Governor Walter R. Peterson Award for Leadership
The Hon. Jeanne Shaheen, Former Governor, New Hampshire

The Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement
The Hon. Claiborne Pell, Former U. S. Senator, Rhode Island

The Robert J. McKenna Award for Program Achievement for Program Achievement
Changing Lives Through Literature Program

STATE MERIT AWARDS:

Connecticut

Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium

Maine

Habib Dagher, Professor, University of Maine

Massachusetts

Andrew Scibelli, President, Springfield Technical Community College

New Hampshire

The Hon. Judd Gregg, Senator, New Hampshire

Rhode Island

The Rhode Island Children's Crusade for Higher Education

Vermont

The University of Vermont's Partnership with Metropolitan High Schools with Underrepresented Populations



2003

The Governor Walter R. Peterson Award for Leadership
The Hon. Edward M. Kennedy, U.S. Senator, Massachusetts

The Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement
Dr. Marja Hurley, Professor of Medicine, University of Connecticut Health Center

The Robert J. McKenna Award for Program Achievement for Program Achievement
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Special Posthumous Award
Eleanor M. McMahon, Former Commissioner of Higher Education, Rhode Island