

Mass Insight to honor AP teachers at Partners in Excellence celebration

The event celebrates the achievements of teachers, school leaders, and community members who have made an impact on student opportunity and success.

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[Education & Research](#) (Mass Insight) announced the recipients of its 2024 Partners in Excellence awards, an annual celebration honoring educators who made a significant impact in increasing academic opportunities for underserved students as measured by their students' success. The 15 winners were selected from over 600 Massachusetts AP teachers participating in Mass

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Insight's AP STEM & English program, a public/private partnership advancing equity in AP education. The teachers will be recognized at the Partners in Excellence (PIE) celebration on April 2 at Bentley University in Waltham.

Mass Insight's AP STEM & English program reaches nearly 10,000 students annually at partner schools across the Commonwealth with a mission of dramatically increasing participation and performance in AP courses, particularly among systemically marginalized populations. Mass

Insight's AP STEM & English program is supported by \$3.3 million in state funding, \$1,000,000 in private funding, and school fees.

“The value of a great AP teacher is truly immeasurable. Teachers have the power to inspire and shepherd students toward their path to success,” said Dr. Susan F. Lusi, President & CEO of Mass Insight. “The Partners in Excellence awards are our way of honoring the teachers in our program that are making a significant impact for their students.”

In addition to the 15 teacher award winners, Mass Insight presents one award in memory of AP English Teacher Lawrie Bertram, a previous PIE winner and, during her 19-year career as a high school teacher, a tireless advocate for students. The award is given to a teacher who represents

Lawrie's spirit and care for her students. This year's Lawrie A. Bertram award will be presented to Michalene Hague of Peabody Veterans Memorial High School.

This year's PIE winners are:

AP English Literature:

Colleen Connors - Taunton High School

Debra Logan - Taunton High School

Kim Parker - Salem High School

Monica Scott-Edwards - John D. O'Bryant School of Math & Science

AP English Language

Kitren Farrell - South High Community School

AP Calculus

Caitlin Colombo-Cummings - Dracut High School

Edi Naco - Doherty Memorial High School

AP Computer Science

Isaiah Houtman - New Bedford High School

Sean Riley - Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School

AP Statistics

Adérito Pires - Ludlow High School

AP Biology

Kayla Silvers - Springfield Honors Academy

AP Chemistry

Zelia Dias - John D. O'Bryant School of Math & Science

Olga Rumyantsev - Chicopee High School

AP Environmental Science

Grace McIntyre - Haverhill High School

AP Physics

Geoff Gross - Scituate High School

Mass Insight is currently offering sponsorship packages for the 2024 Partners in Excellence awards at a variety of levels. More information is available at www.massinsight.org/partners-in-excellence/. □

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