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*

**Dyn**

**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
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 Woszyna-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
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
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
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
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
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*

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

Special Posthumous Award

**Eleanor M. McMahon**, Former Commissioner of Higher Education, Rhode Island