



Recognizing Storytelling Supporters

Each year, the Connecticut Storytelling Center honors three people who have made extraordinary contributions to the Connecticut storytelling community.

The awards are named for three beloved Connecticut storytellers and will be presented at the 37th Annual Connecticut Storytelling Festival & Conference at the reception on April 28th at 5:30 p.m.



Rosie Wojtek is the recipient of the Spencer Shaw Educator's Award because of her support of storytelling residencies in Bristol schools.

She was the first principal there to see the value of storytelling as a way to enhance literacy and helped to spread the word to her colleagues. The Connecticut Storytelling Center now has a full-blown "Start With Stories" program in five schools in Bristol.

Dr. RoseAnne (Rosie) O'Brien Wojtek is Principal of Ivy Drive Elementary School in Connecticut and is current President for the Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS). Rosie is a native Oregonian. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from Oregon State University in Elementary Education. She taught in the Winton-Dillard School District in Oregon for 11 years before earning her Master's Degree and Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Oregon.

After earning her Ph.D. in 1994, Rosie became the Principal of Joseph Gale Elementary in Forest Grove, Oregon and then the Director of Instruction for Oregon City Public Schools before moving to Connecticut in 1999. This is the 19th year she has served as Principal of Ivy Drive.

Rosie received the 2016 Excellence in Education Award from the Connecticut State Education Department; Under Rosie's leadership Ivy Drive Elementary School was named by CAS as the 2010 Elementary Exemplary School of the Year. In addition, she has served as the Social Chair for the Virtual Worlds Best Practices in Education (VWBPE) Conference. Rosie serves as host for the bi-weekly CASConversation Podcasts [<http://cas.casciac.org/?p=13846>] & co-authored the 2009 Corwin Press book, "Motivate! Inspire! Lead! 10 Strategies for Building Collegial Learning Communities" with husband, Bob.



For the full Festival schedule of events:
<http://connstorycenter.org/festival.htm>

To Register for the Festival:
<http://connstorycenter.org/festivalRegistration.htm>

You're not going to want to miss the fabulous line up of performing artists at the Connecticut Storytelling Festival & Conference

April 27 and 28, 2018
at the College Center at Crozier-Williams
Connecticut College, New London, CT

Register today!
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