



*The Connecticut Association of Schools  
31<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Connecticut Middle Level  
Scholar Leader Awards Banquet*

*Aqua Turf Club  
Southington, Connecticut  
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McDonald's congratulates the 2015 Scholar Leader Award Recipients for their outstanding achievements and wishes them much continued success.

**Congratulations To Tonight's Award Winners  
On Their Outstanding Accomplishments**

# *Program*

Welcome	Mr. Scott Gray, Sports Commentator Emeritus WTIC 1080 Radio
Greetings	Mrs. Donna Schilke, Principal Smith Middle School, Glastonbury President Elect, Connecticut Association of Schools  Ms. Cathy Martin, Vice President and General Manager McDonald's Corporation, Boston Region  Ms. Sarah Barzee, Chief Talent Officer Connecticut State Department of Education
Introduction of Distinguished Guests	Mr. Scott Gray
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Mr. Paul Cavaliere, Jr., Principal Sage Park Middle School, Windsor
Keynote Address	Mrs. Catherine Freeman, CAS Middle Level Exemplary Educator and Teacher at Sage Park Middle School, Windsor
 <b>Dinner</b> 	
Presentation of Awards	Dr. Karissa Niehoff, Executive Director, CAS-CIAC Ms. Cathy Martin and Mrs. Catherine Freeman
Concluding Remarks	Ms. Jennifer Buckley, Director of Student Activities Connecticut Association of Schools





# Catherine Freeman

Catherine Freeman, the Connecticut Association of Schools' Exemplary Middle Level Educator, has been a special-education teacher at Sage Park Middle School in Windsor since 1988. She currently teaches grades 6 and 7 Scientific Research-Based Interventions (SRBI) Math Mastery Classes. Cay, as she is known to her colleagues, has an admirable philosophy about teaching that she calls CPR which stands for Challenge, Caring, Persistent, Positive, Rigor, and Relationships.

Principal Paul G. Cavaliere, Jr., writes of her teaching prowess that, "When you observe Cay teaching, you see Connecticut Common Core Teaching's Foundation Skills in action." Superintendent Craig A. Cooke writes, "She is highly respected by her peers, a respect earned because of her consummate professionalism, unwavering commitment to students, seriousness with which she approaches instruction, collaboration with colleagues, and contributions to strengthening her school's environment."

In addition to her work at Sage Park, Mrs. Freeman is a contributor on the district level. She has delivered professional development workshops on Differentiated Instruction, Accelerated Math, Effective Teaching Strategies for Administrators, and Effective Teaching Strategies for New Teachers. On the state level, Cay works with the Connecticut Council for Education Reform, is a recognized expert on the Common Core, and has presented on the subject for CAS principals from around the state.

Catherine has been recognized as an America Achieves Fellow, where she was filmed and included in a SAP online professional development video. In the fall of 2013, she served on a Connecticut Department of Education Committee to develop criteria for a Distinguished Educator Designation on teacher certification. The same year, she presented to the United States Department of Education on teacher needs to implement Common Core Standards

Catherine Freeman was a finalist in 2011 for Connecticut Teacher of the Year Award.

# 2015 Connecticut Middle Level Scholar-Leaders

City/Town	School Name	Female Scholar Leader	Male Scholar Leader
Avon	Avon Middle School	Natalie Castonguay	Gabriel Gross
Berlin	Catherine M. McGee Middle School	Nicole Pinto	John Downes
Bethany	Amity Middle School - Bethany Campus	Allison Fischman	Brian Cromwell
Bethel	Bethel Middle School	Audrey Garcia	Connor Meenan
Bloomfield	Carmen Arace Middle School	McKenzie Brown	Chaddane Williams
Bolton	Bolton Center School	LeeAnn Snuffer	Benjamin Grant
Branford	Francis Walsh Intermediate School	Emily A. Ross	Aidan R. Kropiwnicki
Bristol	Chippens Hill Middle School	Olivia Beaudoin	Carter Dziedzic
Bristol	Greene-Hills School	Amanda Warner	Sebastian Garay-Ortega
Bristol	Northeast Middle School	Paige McLaughlin	Joseph Morelli
Bristol	West Bristol K-8	Amara O'Donnell	Adam Ward
Broad Brook	East Windsor Middle School	Isabella Schaupp-Ryan	Nicholas Willey
Brookfield	Whisconier Middle School	Elizabeth Carrizzo	Neil Thakur
Burlington	Har-Bur Middle School	Kaleigh Soucy	Jack Grad
Canton	Canton Middle School	Clare Porter	Andrew Obrzut
Chaplin	Parish Hill Middle/Sr High School	Kelsey Zator	Maxx Freed
Cheshire	Dodd Middle School	Mazie Lebowitz	Thomas Cherneskie
Clinton	Jared Eliot Middle School	Erin Lindsay	Paddy Murray
Columbia	Horace Porter School	Juliana Baker	Matthew Fritz
Cromwell	Cromwell Middle School	Cara M. Jordan	Joseph L. Reilly
Danbury	Broadview Middle School	Humayra Meem	Timothy Henry
Danbury	Rogers Park Middle School	Bharkha Bhavsar	Colin Coe
Deep River	John Winthrop Middle School	Sophia Finkeldey	Michael Ryan
Derby	Derby Middle School	Daphney Pate	Nicholas Mammano
Durham	Strong Middle School	Bailey Zettergren	Eric Lipka
East Granby	East Granby Middle School	Rachel Griffin	Jack Tubridy
East Hampton	East Hampton Middle School	Hannah Balda	Joseph Caruso
East Hartford	East Hartford Middle School	Tanae Arnold	Alessio Pressamarita
East Hartford	Two Rivers Magnet Middle School	Mia MacGlaflin	Kyle Cyr
East Haven	East Haven Middle School	Bojana Mitrovic	Zachary Danz
Easton	Helen Keller Middle School	Gabrielle Chioffi	Campbell Wilkerson
Ellington	Ellington Middle School	Christie Wang	Colin Garrow
Enfield	John F. Kennedy Middle School	Jamie Galovich	Matt Campo



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Fairfield	Fairfield Woods Middle School	Caroline Lauf	Niam Kothari
Fairfield	Roger Ludlowe Middle School	Madeline Herron	Joshua Schaffer
Fairfield	Tomlinson Middle School	Allison Milicia	Benjamin Sullivan
Farmington	Irving Robbins Middle School	Grace Duncan	Kumar Darsh
Glastonbury	Smith Middle School	Katherine Furey	Liam Scott
Granby	Granby Memorial Middle School	Katherine Hosack	Andrew Phillips
Greenwich	Central Middle School	Grace Fahey	Bennet Hawley
Griswold	Griswold Middle School	Kaitlyn Davis	Matthew Spinelli
Groton	West Side Middle School	Britney Toussaint	Thomas Wagner
Hamden	Hamden Middle School	Cora Hagens	Ronald Desroches
Hartford	Burns Latino Studies Academy	Sabrina Diana	Kyaw Kya
Hartford	Environmental Sciences Magnet at Mary M. Hooker School	Shamsun Begum	Adreian Feliciano
Hartford	Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy	Makenna Lindsay	Maximillian Mueller
Hebron	RHAM Middle School	Rachel Salamone	Justin Han
Killingworth	Haddam-Killingworth Middle School	Marie Emerson	Matt Wills
Ledyard	Ledyard Middle School	Olivia Strelevitz	Patrick Templeton
Litchfield	Litchfield High School/Middle School	Katie Kuegler	Matthew Gostkowski
Litchfield	Wamogo Regional High School	Michaela McNutt	Mason Mangiaracina
Madison	Walter C. Polson Middle School	Alison Lord	Callahan Henry
Manchester	Illing Middle School	Cecelia Klotzer	Mitchell Bouchard
Meriden	Lincoln Middle School	Amy Flis	Cameron Germe
Meriden	Thomas Edison Middle School	Eryka West	Mihir Gowda
Meriden	Washington Middle School	Madison Clancy	Matthew Bahre
Middlebury	Middlebury Middle School	Lilian Senich	Terrance Dumoulin
Middlefield	Memorial Middle School	Noelle Sorensen	Ryan Doyle
Middletown	Keigwin Middle School	Rafaida Khan	Lochlan Reeder
Middletown	Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Sonya Hadley	Tyler Wenzel
Milford	East Shore Middle School	Meredith Fucci	Jordan Shand
Milford	West Shore Middle School	Natalia Brooks	Ethan Deer
Moodus	Nathan Hale Ray Middle School	Shayna Moffatt	Christopher Cappitella
Mystic	Cutler Middle School	Olivia Carney	Andrew Kerst
Mystic	Mystic Middle School	Emma Small	Christian Donovan

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Naugatuck	City Hill Middle School	Jessica Sember	Benjamin Healy
New Haven	St. Aedan-St. Brendan School	Ada Umeugo	Anthony Jenkins
New Milford	Schaghticoke Middle School	Emily Papp	Sean Murphy
Newington	John Wallace Middle School	Mia Servidone	Jacob Zadroga
Newington	Martin Kellogg Middle School	Abigail Molloy	Michael Stamm
Newtown	Newtown Middle School	Francesca D'Aprile	Timothy McCarthy
Niantic	East Lyme Middle School	Daven Roberts	Sumeet Kadian
North Branford	North Branford Intermediate	Alessandra Augur	Jigme Gyaltzen
North Grosvenordale	Thompson Middle School	Katie Joiner	Brian Beresik
North Haven	North Haven Middle School	Anna Uyeki	Jackson Tubis
North Stonington	Wheeler Middle School	Jessica Neddeau	Seth Jones
Norwalk	Nathan Hale Middle School	Emily Luo	Gianluca Trofa
Norwalk	Roton Middle School	Rachel Smith	Erik Criollo
Norwich	Kelly Middle School	Molly Cournoyer	Ryan Smith
Norwich	Teachers' Memorial Middle School	Marissa Madera	Noah Lucien
Oakdale	Leonard Tyl Middle School	Abigail Orbe	Henry Tighe
Oakville	Gordon C. Swift Middle School	Charina Manalo	Vincenzo Basile
Old Saybrook	Old Saybrook Middle School	Madeline Bradley	Aidan O'Donnell
Orange	Amity Middle School - Orange	Alexandra Bonat	Anthony Tom
Pawcatuck	Pawcatuck Middle School	Izadora Yarnall	Mark Costanzo
Plainfield	Plainfield Central Middle School	Kaitlyn Peckham	Alex Sanders
Plainville	Middle School of Plainville	Abby Elaine McGough	Andrew Kane
Pomfret Center	Pomfret Community School	Chelsey Castle	Grant Alessandro
Portland	Portland Middle School	Morgan Tamaro	Mark Matera
Prospect	Long River Middle School	Bayan Galal	Maciej Lewicki
Redding	John Read Middle School	Julia Mullin	Nathaniel Sanders
Riverside	Eastern Middle School	Samantha Chabot	Sasha Burnett
Rocky Hill	Albert D. Griswold Middle School	Alisha Chhabra	Pulkit Nagpal
Salem	Salem School	Emma Vlaun	Spencer Winakor
Seymour	Seymour Middle School	Jenna M. Geffert	Anthony Bruno
Shelton	Shelton Intermediate School	Maggie Howard	Colin Mengold
Simsbury	Henry James Memorial School	Bromwyn Mogck	Bronson Starsiak
Somers	Mabelle B. Avery Middle School	Abigail Hillebrecht	Trevor Parks

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South Windsor	Timothy Edwards Middle School	Kayla Brown	Jason Rickenbacher
Southbury	Rochambeau Middle School	Julia Richardson	Collin Amelsberg
Stamford	Scofield Magnet Middle School	Madison Vrtiak	Nicholas Scalfani
Storrs	Mansfield Middle School	Medwyn Roberts	Alexander A. Chandy
Stratford	Flood Middle School	Jayleen Herrera	Malcolm Brown
Stratford	Wooster Middle School	Emma Parkes	Everett Lowe
Thomaston	Thomaston High School	Haille Cash	Jacob Hubbard
Tolland	Tolland Middle School	Kelsey Leach	Gavin Rublewski
Trumbull	Hillcrest Middle School	Jessica Esposito	Kyle Beck
Trumbull	Madison Middle School	Regina Misercola	Eric Sorge
Vernon	Vernon Center School	Chloe Scheff	Trevor Jones
Voluntown	Voluntown Elementary School	Calla Millovitsch	Ryan Owens
Wallingford	Dag Hammarskjold School	Elena Fenner	Vincenzo DiNatale
Wallingford	James H. Moran Middle School	Sydney Carim	Joseph Lowell
Washington	Shepaug Valley Middle School	Sofia Mancinone	John Kennedy
Waterbury	Waterbury Arts Magnet School	Alexandra Screspo	Robert Guerin
Waterbury	West Side Middle School	Georgianna Brownell	Guillermo Torres
Waterford	Clark Lane Middle School	Chloe Wilson	Alexander Fayan
West Hartford	Bristow Middle School	Ava DeLaCruz	Brennan George
West Hartford	King Philip Middle School	Sophie Murchie	Charles Cabbage
West Hartford	Sedgwick Middle School	Julia Hardesty	Thomas Wilson
West Haven	Harry M. Bailey Middle School	Sumedha Chowdhury	Joseph Delgado
Westbrook	Westbrook Middle School	Marie Bavely	Finian McGannon
Weston	Weston Middle School	Carolyn Zech	Brendan Moore
Westport	Bedford Middle School	Sophie McCabe	Evan Vishno
Wethersfield	Silas Deane Middle School	Kathryn Galusha	Jared Kauffman
Willimantic	Windham Middle School	Destiny Sanchez	Latrone Conerly
Willington	Hall Memorial School	Ana Peczu	Clark Bray
Wilton	Middlebrook School	Lily Kepner	Nicholas Furst
Windsor	Sage Park Middle School	Sage DeAngelis	Cameron Abbot
Windsor Locks	Windsor Locks Middle School	Rukaya Derby Egin	Christopher Bulat
Winsted	Northwestern Regional Middle School	Eleanor Olsen	Colby Langer
Winsted	The Gilbert School	Hannah Crowley	Augustus Pac
Wolcott	Tyrell Middle School	Rachel Bennett	Matthew Iasevoli
Woodbury	Woodbury Middle School	Rebecca Xiaomei Hibbard	Colson Smith-Valby
Woodstock	Woodstock Middle School	Olivia Duncan	Eric Preston



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*2014 - 2015 Middle Level Award Winners*

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Old Saybrook Middle School

**Assistant Principal of the Year**

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**Educator of the Year**

**Catherine Freeman**

Sage Park Middle School, Windsor

**Middle Level School of the Year**

**New Fairfield Middle School**

New Fairfield

**Arthur Director Student Leadership Award**

**Dodd Middle School**

Cheshire

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