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South Shore teacher wins 2015 Lieutenant Governor's Teaching Award

Selena Davidson Eno, a physical education and core French teacher at Bayview Community School in Mahone Bay, is the 2015 recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Teaching Award. In a ceremony held today at Government House, Lt.-Gov. J.J. Grant presented Davidson Eno with her award, a specially designed Nova Scotian Crystal sculpture and a framed certificate to recognize this achievement.

"Teachers have a profound influence on the lives of young people and the wider community," said Lt.-Gov. Grant. "It is my privilege to recognize Ms. Davidson Eno's extraordinary commitment to the youth of our province and to the teaching profession as a whole."

Selena Davidson Eno has been teaching at Bayview Community School, in the South Shore Regional School Board, for 11 years. She has taught all levels, Primary to Grade 12, in a career that spans 17 years. She has taught many subjects such as core French, healthy living and art, but teaching physical education is her true passion. She values the importance of extra-curricular activities for all students and takes pride in getting them involved in athletics as well as other physical activities to develop the whole child.

"As a physical educator having the opportunity to develop students' physical literacy is a gift that I can give them to last a lifetime," she said. "The most rewarding part of teaching has come from being involved in extra-curricular activities at the school level. I enjoy watching the students develop their skills and confidence and the strong school pride it brings to the school community."

Davidson Eno values the connections she makes with her students both in and outside of the classroom and her legacy is proof that the health and well-being of a community can be greatly enhanced by quality public education delivered by qualified and passionate teachers.

Davidson Eno's passion for physical education is obvious. She runs half-marathons, practices crossfit, plays soccer, basketball and hockey and is a certified yoga instructor, which she integrates into her elementary and junior high level teaching. With her caring, dedicated manner, she ensures that all of her students have access to physical education by providing proper gym clothes and sneakers when needed and through her perseverance Bayview has a comprehensive competitive and non-competitive physical activity program for students to get active. She coaches soccer, elementary basketball, cross-country and track and field. She organizes house league activities for elementary students, activity periods, and sock hops. She manages an award-winning recycling program and is a regular chaperone for the Grade 9 trip to Quebec. Working

with Mahone Bay Centre she developed an after-school program “After the Bell” for junior high girls. These are but a few of the extracurricular activities she’s involved with for her school and community.

“Selena is very deserving of this award,” said NSTU president Shelley Morse. “Through her devotion she ensures her students receive every opportunity to be involved in physical education, above and beyond the school day. She demonstrates the positive impact teachers have on students, schools and communities. Her dedication to her students, school and school community is an inspiration to all. She truly reflects the outstanding work done by our teachers each day.”

An Annapolis Valley native, Davidson Eno began her teaching career with the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board and received her undergraduate degree in physical education and BED from Acadia University. She holds a Master of Sport Administration degree from Ottawa University, a Master of Educational Leadership degree from Acadia University and a Master of Education degree with a focus in Technology from Mount Saint Vincent University. She also studied French language at Université Saint Anne, Université de Laval and overseas in Switzerland.

She was mission staff for team Nova Scotia for the 2009 Canada Games, has been Regional and District Coordinator for the Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation and the South Shore representative for the Teachers Association for Physical and Health Education (TAPHE). She developed a Pilot Program for the NSSAF for the Special Athletes Competition for Track and Field. This gives students with special needs the opportunity to participate for their school track and field team at the district, regional and provincial level and has allowed students to be inclusive in the classroom and in extracurricular. She was a member of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s physical education curriculum development committee and has facilitated workshops for colleagues for the new physical education curriculum.

Former Lieutenant Governor Myra A. Freeman, CM, ONS, MSM in partnership with the Nova Scotia Teachers Union instituted the Lieutenant Governor’s Teaching Award in 2005. His Honour, Brigadier-General the Honourable J.J. Grant, CMM, ONS, CD (Ret’d), Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia re-established this award in 2013. Each year a teacher is selected to represent the teaching profession in Nova Scotia. To be eligible, the teacher representative must be a member of the NSTU and be a currently active teacher or administrator in the public school or Community College system.

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