

Curriculum Leader of the Year Information

The Maine Curriculum Leaders Association (MCLA) Board of Directors is pleased to announce nominations for its annual Maine Curriculum Leader of the Year Award for 2010. Curriculum leaders, be they teachers, administrators, or consultants, conduct vitally important work on what students should know and be able to do, how we know if students know and can do these things, and how to change classroom environments if students are not meeting these expectations. Since the general public and members of many other educational organizations do not fully comprehend the wide range of knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to be a curriculum leader, the Maine Curriculum Leader of the Year award will help raise the visibility of our positions and our value added to education across the whole state.

Curriculum leaders must be skilled in the content of the work (curriculum, instruction, and assessment designed to improve instruction), in the process of the work (designing and conducting professional development, monitoring programs, creating effective work environments), and in engaging in the work (keeping track of federal, State, and local educational rules and regulations). The Maine Curriculum Leader of the Year award recognizes a curriculum leader who also models the goals of MCLA:

- To advocate for effective policies and programs
- To establish a network for communicating information, and
- To provide professional development for improving members' knowledge and skills.

The Maine Curriculum Leader of the Year will be the "face of the organization". She or he will be recognized at meetings of the MCLA and will be feted with appropriate pomp and circumstance at other events. He or she may be asked to join in conversations with the MCLA Board of Directors and in campaigns advocating for improved educational opportunities for students and staff. Plus her or his registration fee for the annual meeting will be waived, thus contradicting the "no free lunch" axiom.

2010 Maine Curriculum Leader of the Year Nomination Form

I, _____, being of sound mind and body and reachable for further information at (school system/phone #/email address) _____, am very pleased to nominate (name/school system):

_____ as the Maine Curriculum Leader of the Year for 2010.

I do this because this person has demonstrated exemplary curriculum leadership as well as support of MCLA goals;

At the local level by

At the regional level by

At the state level by

(Additional pages may be submitted.)

This form must be completed and submitted by June 1, 2010 to Beth Clifford at 39A Union Street, Calais, Maine, 04619 or e-mailed to bclifford@bia.edu