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## **U-32 Middle & High School Math Teacher Named 2017 Vermont Teacher of the Year**

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**BARRE, Vt.** – Katherine McCann, a High School Mathematics Teacher at U-32 Middle and High School in East Montpelier; has been selected as the 2017 Vermont Teacher of the Year (VT-TOY); the Agency of Education announced today.

In addition to teaching Advanced Placement Statistics, Geometry, Algebra 1, and Algebra 2; Katherine is also a National Board Certified Teacher (AYA-MATH), Presidential Award winner for Excellence in Teaching Math and Science, and Co-President of the Vermont Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Also recognized are:

- Alternate **Rachael Potts**, a Special Education and Transition Specialist at Harwood Union High School; and
- Finalist **Corey Smith**, a Fourth Grade Teacher at Proctor Elementary School.

McCann, Potts and Smith will be honored at an awards ceremony at U32 High School on Tuesday, December 20, 2016. Susan Koch of Union Elementary School is the current 2016 Vermont Teacher of the Year. McCann's tenure as 2017 Vermont Teacher of the Year will begin January 1.

As the 2017 Teacher of the Year, McCann is Vermont's candidate for the National Teacher of the Year award, sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers. She will travel to Washington, D.C. this spring for a reception at the White House, where she will meet the President.

"Teaching is an opportunity to make long-lasting, close, personal connections with young people; to make a difference in the lives of others. Mathematics is my talent to share with them," she said. "While teaching the whole student, to persevere and problem solve while fostering cooperation, informed improvisation and citizenship, I have the chance to share my enjoyment and amazement of the power of mathematics."

Since 1964, Vermont has participated in this program recognizing outstanding teachers. For more information about the Vermont Teacher of the Year program, visit the [AOE website](#).

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