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Gateway’s Dan Shea: Excellence in Teaching recipient

Huntington – Daniel Shea, physics and chemistry teacher at Gateway Regional High School, was named the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award recipient for 2017.

Dan has taught at Gateway Regional High School for 11 ½ years. He holds a B.S. degree from Western New England University, an M.Ed. from Westfield State University and an M.S. from St. Joseph’s University. In addition to preparing Gateway students to be competitive in science at the college level, he provides guidance and mentors new teachers. He is also an adviser to Gateway’s As Schools Match Wits team, which made it to the semi-final round of the championship in 2015. Outside of Gateway, Shea Directs the Camp H. A. Moses Scout Reservation in Russell, and also participates in NYLT, leadership training for young men in scouts.

Shea was chosen based upon the award’s selection criteria, which includes: demonstrating professionalism through excellence in teaching practices, professional development, attendance, and demonstrated collaboration and cooperation; reaching above and beyond through educational community outreach beyond the classroom and school, along with formal and informal volunteer activities related to education; earning the respect of peers, students and parents; and demonstrating enthusiasm.

The awards program was created by the Grinspoon Foundation to celebrate the success of area teachers and to encourage them to remain in the teaching field.

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Photo (left to right): Harold Grinspoon, Excellence in Teaching winner Dan Shea and Gateway Superintendent Dr. David B. Hopson.