GWATA is Seeking Nominations for the STEM Champion of the Year Award

At the 19th Annual Innovator Awards Luncheon, over 350 leaders in business and education will come together to celebrate entrepreneurship, technology, innovation, and education. During the luncheon, awards in five different categories will be presented to innovators from around North Central Washington. Do you know an educator who goes above and beyond to bring STEM education into the classroom? Or a champion who has transformed informal learning environments with STEM curriculum (i.e., library, museum, after-school program, clubs, etc.)?

GWATA is seeking nominations for this year’s STEM Champion of the Year Award!

This award aims to recognize educators and community members who are pursuing innovative approaches to learning through STEM experiences. The winner will demonstrate passion for STEM education, and will be seen by their peers and community as advocates for promoting STEM pathways for students.

Past winners for STEM Educator of the Year include:
- 2018 - Brigitte Wiegand, Foothills Middle School
- 2017 - Tina Nicpan-Brown, Lincoln Elementary School
- 2016 - Brian Herling, Westside High School
- 2015 - Sara Rolfs, Wenatchee School District
- 2014 - Jody Leonard, Eastmont High School

A panel of judges from the community will select the finalist. Judges will evaluate:
- Initiative and leadership
- Student outcomes

Terms:
- Nominations are open from May 17 - July 26, 2019. Nominations can be submitted by mail, email, or online.
- Nominees can be any educator, professional or community member working in Chelan, Douglas, Grant, or Okanogan counties. Educators can be working in any type of education institute.
- Individual educators or teaching teams may be nominated. Educators can nominate themselves.
- Our most recent winners (2014-2018) are not eligible for the award.
- All qualified nominees will be announced during the GWATA Summer Social on August 1.
- All qualified nominees will be recognized through GWATA media outlets.
- The top three finalists will be showcased and recognized at the Innovator Awards Luncheon on September 25, 2019. The top three finalists will receive 2 complimentary tickets each. The winner will be announced live at the luncheon and will receive a cash award with a minimum value of $250.
- All nominees are encouraged to attend the luncheon.

Please contact GWATA for more information: 509-661-9000 or info@gwata.org
STEM CHAMPION OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

You can also fill this out online at www.gwata.org/innovators
Submission Deadline: July 26, 2019

Nominee(s) Name: ______________________________________________________________

Title: __________________________ School/Company: ________________________________

Nominee Phone & Email: _________________________________________________________

Nominee’s Administrator Name: ___________________________________________________

Nominee’s Administrator Phone & Email: ____________________________________________

Please explain the following (feel free to attach additional pages):

• How has the nominee integrated STEM into the classroom or community?
• Why was the integration innovative?
• What leadership role attributes did the nominee demonstrate?
• What was the result of this project?

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Personal testimony: Why are you nominating this champion(s)? Why do you feel they are the STEM Champion of the Year?

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You are encouraged to attach publications, photos, and video to support your nomination.
Incomplete applications will be not considered.

Your Information

Name__________________________________________________________

Email_________________________________________________________

Phone _______________________________________________________ 

Submit your nomination today - Applications due July 26
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