



## **The OMA Outstanding Dedication Award 2013-2014** for Inspiring Advocacy in the Montessori Community

### **About the Award**

The OMA Outstanding Dedication Award is given each spring to honor the passion and inspiration of those in our community who are deeply committed to fulfilling the mission of the OMA and whose scope of work moves beyond the classroom.

### **Eligibility**

The Outstanding Dedication Award is open to any individual or group in the Oregon & SW Washington community who is fulfilling the mission of OMA. The nominee need not be a member of OMA to be eligible. The nominee may be an individual or a group. Montessori training is not a requirement for this award.

### **Criteria**

We seek to recognize individuals or groups whose passionate advocacy for Montessori has fulfilled the OMA mission of advancing the Montessori movement. This may include but is not limited to:

- starting new and innovative programs
- inspired and lifelong support to the professional development of a school or organization that supports Montessori
- local, regional, national, or global efforts to make Montessori accessible to all

We will take into consideration whether nominees have been nominated before and the diversity of nomination letters. We will also endeavor to recognize individuals and groups that may not have been recognized before by the OMA community.

### **Nomination and Review Process**

To nominate yourself or another individual, please return one completed copy of the Nomination Form and at least 3 letters of support postmarked or emailed by **Friday, April 4th, 2011**. Nominations from fellow teachers, administrators, parents, or students are accepted. Please fill out the form below, even if you are nominating someone who has been nominated in years past. An external review committee comprised of former award recipients, administrators and guides from a variety of schools, and current OMA board members will review all nominations the second week of April and recipients will be notified April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Award Ceremony**

Oregon Montessori Association  
P.O. Box 82932  
Portland, OR 97282  
503.688.0526  
[www.oregonmontessori.com](http://www.oregonmontessori.com)

The recipient of this award and the OMA Outstanding Dedication Award are honored at our Annual Spring Tea on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The recipient and their families, friends and colleagues are welcome and encouraged to attend this celebration.

**About the Oregon Montessori Association**

The Oregon Montessori Association was founded in 1978 by Nancy Hildick and Susan Erceg to bring together all those interested in the Montessori process, including parents and educators. From the very beginning, it was envisioned to be an umbrella organization, maintaining a policy of inclusiveness and respect for the diversity of Montessori training available in the United States.

For over thirty years the OMA has been serving the needs of Montessori guides, administrators and assistants, directly contributing the strength and vitality of Oregon and SW Washington's Montessori communities. As we move into the 21st century, the OMA actively seeks ways to continue to serve its members and increase the vital presence of Montessori education in the Pacific Northwest.

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**Nomination Form**

**Nominee Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School (if  
applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

School  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee:

\_\_\_\_\_

If the nominee is selected may we contact you for materials to include in the recipient's scrapbook?

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May we share the letters of support with your nominee? \_\_\_\_\_

If the nominee is selected, who would you suggest to present the award at the OMA Spring Tea?

Name/Contact

Information: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Letters of Support**

Please submit three letters of support. The top of each letter must clearly identify the name of the nominee. Each letter should also include the supporter's contact information and their relationship to the nominee and specifically address the ways in which the nominee meets the criteria of this award. If the letters are submitted by mail, they should be submitted together. If they are submitted online, they may be submitted separately. Letters of support will not be returned.

Please mail this nomination form by Friday, April 4th, 2014 to the following address:

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Portland, OR 97282

If you have any questions please contact Laura Pilkington at 503.688.0526 or by e-mail at [info@oregonmontessori.com](mailto:info@oregonmontessori.com).