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Dear Administrator:

On behalf of the Washington Restaurant Association Education Foundation and the ProStart Program, I would like to thank you and your ProStart teacher for your support in our industry-driven, education initiative.

I invite you to support your teacher in two special activities:

- The ProStart Teacher of the Year Nominations
- The 2014 ProStart Invitational

The ProStart Teacher of the Year Nominations

All vocational directors and/or immediate supervisors can nominate their ProStart Teachers to be recognized as the 2013-2014 ProStart Teacher of the Year. I have enclosed a letter that explains the award, the criteria for nomination, and the nomination process. Nomination packets must be received **no later than January 17, 2014**. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Dixon at jenniferd@warestaurant.org or 877.695.9733 x127.

The 2014 ProStart Invitational

The Invitational and awards ceremony will be held on March 2, 2014 at the Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center in Spokane. This event brings together ProStart teams from across the state to demonstrate their knowledge and skills and compete for the opportunity to go to the National competition. The event will culminate in an awards celebration that will recognize the outstanding students, teams, mentors and teachers. Your attendance at this event is welcome and we hope to see you there.

You, more than anyone else, know how much your teachers dedicate themselves to this program. Please take the time to nominate their outstanding achievement.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lyle W. Hildahl".

Lyle Hildahl, Director of Education
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ProStart Teacher of the Year

The ProStart Teacher of the Year Award is the highest form of recognition for high school foodservice education professionals. Sponsored by the Washington Restaurant Association Education Foundation, this award is bestowed upon one ProStart teacher through a nomination process and is selected by a committee consisting of industry professionals and educators.

General Selection Criteria

- Teachers must have completed at least one academic year teaching the ProStart Program.
- Teachers may receive this award once every four years.

Nomination Criteria

Teacher nomination packets may be submitted by a fellow teacher, the vocational director and/or immediate supervisor and must contain the following information:

- One-page biography of the teacher
- Letter of recommendation from vocational director and/or immediate supervisor
- Letter of recommendation from at least one foodservice, hospitality, or post-secondary organization
- A narrative on ProStart in-class and out-of-class achievements highlighting outstanding contributions to the students, school, community, and the foodservice hospitality industry

Selection Process

The committee will evaluate the submitted nomination packets and select the winning teacher based on the above criteria:

Recipient of the award will receive

- Teacher of the Year Award
- State & National Recognition
- A seat on the WRAEF Board of Directors for a term of one year beginning in July 2014
- \$1,000 scholarship to cover costs to attend the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation's Educator Excellence Awards, where the recipient will be recognized. Additional funds can be used towards travel costs to attend the quarterly WRAEF board meetings for the one year term.

**Nomination materials and letters must be submitted in full to the WRAEF office
no later than January 17, 2014.**

Incomplete or late submissions will not be considered.

SUBMIT TO:

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