

Principal of the Year – Jane Tremblay

Merrimack College Adjunct Professor, Jane Tremblay, receives 2012 “Principal of the Year” Honor

The School of Education is pleased to report that Jane Tremblay, an adjunct faculty member, was awarded the *Thomas C. Passios Outstanding Principal of the Year Award* in May, 2012. This honor is presented by the Massachusetts Elementary School Principals' Association (MESPA).



Tremblay is the principal of the Summer Street School in Lynnfield, Massachusetts and an adjunct professor in the School of Education at Merrimack College. She is passionate about what she does whether it is her role as principal, professor, wife, mother or mentor. “You can’t do this job, and do everything else too, if you don’t truly love what you do,” she said. “Every piece of the puzzle contributes to who you end up being in the end and I think that my position at Merrimack has certainly added to the fabric of who I am and what I am able to do.”

Annie Dever is currently earning her master’s degree in Early Childhood Education at Merrimack College and has had Tremblay twice as a professor. Tremblay’s dedication and 18 years of hands-on knowledge as an elementary teacher prior to becoming a principal have made a lasting impression. “As a professor, Jane taught us that every single moment teaching a young child should be focused on how we, as teachers, can enrich their social, emotional and intellectual well-being. It was not enough for us to just teach them, we had to make sure that they learned what was being taught,” said Dever. “Jane is inspiring, demanding and engaging.”

Theresa Kirk, Ed.D., Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs in Education, similarly respects what Tremblay has brought to the program. “Jane has brought a wealth of professional experience as a seasoned principal. She brings the experience of what is happening real time in her classrooms and our graduate students love having her in class,” said Dr.

Kirk. “Jane has supported our licensure programs and has been a wonderful addition.”

Like with most success stories, one person cannot do it alone. Creating a solid support system, both at home and work, has been the foundation of Tremblay’s success and the platform from which she would earn the title of Principal of the Year. “You can’t do any of this in isolation,” says Tremblay. “Honestly, this award is not really about me. It is about the people I work with every day.”

Tremblay will go on to proudly represent the principals of Massachusetts in the National Distinguished Principal Program to be held in Washington, D.C. later this October. ■

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