

TORONTO EDUCATOR NANCY GILLIS WINS NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AWARD

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, October 18, 2015 — Nancy Gillis, a teacher in the Toronto, Canada School District (www.tdsb.on.ca), was recently recognized by the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE), a leader in environmental education, as the recipient of one of NAAEE's hallmark annual awards recognizing leadership in the field. At a special awards reception during NAAEE's 44th Annual Conference in San Diego, Gillis received The K-12 Educator of the Year Award for her efforts in promoting environmental education and utilizing the environment as a context for learning in her teaching.

Recently, Gillis also was named one of Canada's three Energy Educators of the Year in the national Classroom Energy Diet initiative aimed toward enhancing energy awareness among Canadian students.

"For more than four decades, NAAEE has promoted excellence and impact in environmental education thanks to the tireless efforts of our members, supporters, and affiliate organizations," said Judy Braus, Executive Director. "Our award winners represent bright spots across North America that show progress in our field across multiple disciplines and approaches, from teaching and community engagement to research and environmental justice."

This year, 11 award recipients — an impressive slate of individuals and organizations from North America — were selected across 11 categories. For more information about the 2015 NAAEE Awards including eligibility requirements and a full list of winners, visit www.naaee.org/our-work/programs/awards.

The North American Association for Environmental Education is a pioneering membership organization dedicated to accelerating environmental literacy and civic engagement through education. NAAEE supports a network of more than 20,000 educators, researchers, and organizational members working in environmental education in more than 30 countries through direct membership and 54 state, provincial, and regional affiliate organizations. Through community networks, publications, signature programs, and eeNEWS and eeJOBS, NAAEE provides programming and resources for professionals working in all areas of the field. NAAEE's flagship annual

conference, now in its 44th year, convenes leaders from private and public sectors to advance the field of environmental education. For more information, visit www.naaee.org.

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