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International School at Rogers Magnet Wins Lone Pine School Award for Student Achievement

The International School at Rogers Magnet School won the 1st Annual Lone Pine School Award at a ceremony this evening at Norwalk Community College. The Lone Pine School Award Program is designed to acknowledge elementary schools in Fairfield County that achieve the greatest academic gain for their students and to create an incentive for other schools to work toward similar gains. All elementary schools in Fairfield County were considered for the honor.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joshua Starr and Rogers' Principal Cathleen Cummings attended the ceremony, where the International School at Rogers Magnet was chosen from among five finalists.

“Rogers is a wonderful example of the hard work and dedication of Stamford educators, staff and families,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Joshua Starr. “ They prove every day that if we truly believe that each and every child can achieve standards, they will. The recognition of the Lone Pine Foundation represents a new model of support for schools that reflects 21st century thinking.”

According to Principal Cathleen Cummings, “The achievement gains at the International School at Rogers Magnet occurred because teachers, parents, administrators, community members, and students focused on the belief that the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program could provide students with a significant, relevant, engaging, and challenging curriculum that also develops internationally-minded global citizens. Haskins, ROSCCO, Stamford Sailing Foundation, and Blue Water Bound all contributed to developing a community wide consistent belief system that a “high tide raises all boats.” The International School

at Rogers Magnet is grateful for the support and recognition provided by the Lone Pine Foundation.”

The Lone Pine Foundation worked with Cambridge Education LLC, an education consulting firm, and the State Department of Education to analyze test score data throughout the region. Lone Pine used an evaluation system that included five criteria: improvement in student academic achievement; quality of the learning environment and education provided for all students; quality of the partnerships with parents and the local community; quality of school leadership and management; and capacity of the school to sustain prolonged improvement. The selection process included a site visit to the school, where a visiting team met with administrators, students, teachers, and parents. The team also observed classrooms and reviewed and evaluated test data, students’ work samples, the school improvement plan, and professional development plan.

The International School at Rogers Magnet will receive \$1,000 to be used at the school’s discretion. Additionally, every full time employee will receive \$500.

Other finalists include the Renaissance School at Hamilton Avenue in Greenwich; the Booth Hill School in Trumbull; the Morris Street School in Danbury; and the Multicultural Magnet School in Bridgeport.

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