

Tiogue School Staff Receives Crystal Apple

Faculty members were surprised with an award honoring them for their success as individuals and as a team.

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Early Wednesday morning, faculty and staff from [Tiogue Elementary School](#) gathered in the school's library for what they thought was a routine faculty meeting. What they did not know was that their principal, Louise Seitsinger, had arranged for them to receive [Horace Mann's Crystal Apple](#) award in acknowledgement of their hard work and dedication to student throughout the school year.

Principal Seitsinger and Horace Mann's Donna Foisy presented the award to a surprised crowd, which made the honor that much more satisfying.

Seitsinger read the following letter to her colleagues:

Dear Tiogue Faculty and Staff,

This has been an incredibly busy and rigorous school year as you all know. We have accomplished a great deal together over the past two years. District and state initiatives such as the math targets and curriculum, data review, response to intervention, RtI direct, SLO's, Professional Practice and Responsibility goals, Common Core, Student Growth scores, our new Educator Evaluation system, Dana



Center Learning Walks and related data, School Improvement goals and so much more have kept us all very engaged to say the least.

You have all done an amazing job and have persevered through it all with great success! I am so proud of all of you and so proud to work with all of you everyday.

As a tribute to your accomplishments both as individuals and as a team, please accept this ["Crystal Apple"](#) award from the [Horace Mann Foundation](#). It is inscribed in your honor to recognize and acknowledge all of your dedication and excellence in teaching our students at Tiogue. You are all extremely talented individuals and as a team these talents are indeed glowing! As we begin the "Crystal Apple" award tradition here at Tiogue I wanted to begin with recognizing all of you on our staff for everything you do for our entire school community everyday. We will need to find a very special place to display this award for everyone to see.

Each year an individual will receive this award to honor and recognize their dedication and special service to our students and school. Special thanks to Donna Foisy and the Horace Mann Foundation for all of their support with this special gift and recognition.

With Sincere Appreciation and Gratitude,

Louise