The ElEd program proudly congratulates seven award winners for their work and study in elementary education. The honorees’ reflections are printed to the

In Their Own Words: 2016-2017 Award Recipients

John Horrworth Children’s Book Award

I am humbled to receive the Elementary Education Model Program Award, because much of what I achieved over these past two years was not a result of my own doing—rather, I was influenced by my teachers and classmates. Whether we problem-solving the latest crises at our school placements, collaborating on group projects, or driving to field trips together, our conversations and sometimes debates were sources of real, authentic learning for me. My identity has been shaped and re-shaped by the faculty and students of the Elementary Education Model Program, and for that I thank each and every one of you. — Josh Benjamin (two-year program)

Elementary Education Model Program Award

It was an incredible honor to receive the Elementary Education Model Program Award. This past year was not always easy; there were highs and lows, and more than one long night. However, I always felt supported by the wonderful faculty, my cooperative teachers, and my peers. It was a great feeling walking into interviews knowing that I had the education and experiences I received. The number and length of our internship experiences, professors at the forefront of the educational community, guidance by our supervisors, and painstaking care to place us each in an internship where we would succeed helped round out my education. I feel prepared going into next year. — Taylor Monferdini (one-year program)

The Class of 2017 EEMP graduates are: Josh Benjamin, Kelly Cannon, Sharon Chupp, Ellen DeGross, Ben Eshun, Munazza Ghazanfar, Jenny Hills, Jenny Lowe, Taylor Monferdini, Rebecca Munroe, Amanda Smiley, Allyson Smith, Simone Stephens, Jessica Yang. •

The Beck Endowment Grows During the 2016-2017 Campaign

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Beck Endowment Award

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GSEHD Alumni as Experts at Professional Development Event

Please join other elementary education alumni from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 7th. Participants will see old friends, network with new ones, and participate in hands-on professional development and sharing. Professor Kim Sloan will lead alumni through reflective practitioner exercises, highlighting classroom strategies and teacher leadership skill building.

Alumni will share resources and lessons as they are the experts in the field! Participants will be awarded four professional development hours to be used in accordance with their schools’ recertification policies. Please contact Professor Kim Sloan kjsloan@gwu.edu with questions.

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John Horrsworth Children’s Book Award—Honorable Mentions

writing Granny Smith’s Memory was an incredible learning experience. I learned a great deal about not only the writing process but about myself. I had only written fiction a few times before this and never really enjoyed reading a fictional piece of writing of mine, especially a comical one, until Granny Smith’s Memory. While writing this book, I was constantly reminded of how important my elderly family members are to me and how they shaped me into who I am today. I thank Professor Sloan for the opportunity to learn the ins and outs of children’s literature, because I would not have been inspired to write my children’s book without taking her (several!) classes. I also want to thank Dr. Gloria Horrsworth for the opportunity to remember her son John, who himself was an avid reader, through this wonderful project and award. — Josh Benjamin

Because of my bilingual skills and bi-cultural awareness, I was offered a job as a Chinese teacher at Yu Ying soon afterward, my first job in America.

I would like to give my sincerest thanks to The George Washington University and its Elementary Education Model Program. You made me a brand-new Jessica from two years ago! — Tsu-Ching (Jessica) Yang

OUR SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

In the District of Columbia: Eaton NW, Hyde-Addison NW, Key NW, Lafayette NW, Ross NW, Watkins SE, Lowell School NW, Washington International School NW; in Alexandria City: James Polk, Samuel Tucker; in Arlington County: Arlington Science Focus, Glebe, Long Branch, Our Savior Lutheran School; in Fairfax County: Bailey’s, Spring Hill; in Falls Church City: Thomas Jefferson; and in Montgomery County: Somerset, Green Acres. In 2017-2018, we welcome new partner schools Langley DCPS, Capital City Public Charter, DC Bilingual Public Charter, and Yu Ying Public Charter in DC; and Gunston in Fairfax County. Our university and school based partnerships are committed to providing the quality mentoring and supervision necessary to prepare the best and brightest teachers to work in today’s elementary schools.

A list of our elementary school partners and our graduates who have joined their faculty:

**Arlington County**
- Glebe (Cassidy Burton ’11, Alanna Karanian ’14, Sabina Beg ’16, Kelly Cannon ’17) • Long Branch (Xan Coleollo ’06, Sally Pencikowski ’11, Kathryn Oakes ’13, Marissa Albert ’14, Ellen Kaspik ’14, Jason Moore ’16) • Science Focus (Stephanie Lin ’09, Julie Janicki ’12, Doris Nhan ’15)

**City of Alexandria**
- Polk (Olivia Madden ’13, Carmen Panagia ’13) • Samuel Tucker (Ching-Chen Kuo ’02, Gwen Wissniki ’02, Johnny Lin ’10)

**District of Columbia**
- Key (Kelly Shields ’06, Simone Stephens ’17), Lafayette (Cara Skubel ’14) • Watkins (Liz O’Donnell ’14) • Lowell (Jessica Tornback ’96, Kristin Peck ’09, Sarah Buscher ’13) • Yu Ying Public Charter (Anna Bi ’16, Jenny Hills ’17, Jessica Yang ’17)

**Fairfax County**
- Bailey’s (Laura Bailey ’07, Munazah Gazanfar ’17), • Spring Hill (Bill Mosher ’07, Mai-Li Hokama ’16, Simoné Kenney ’16, Megan Ledig ’16)

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- Somerset (Paula Duke ’92, Greg Matwey ’95, Bess Pickar ’12)

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Maryland Association of Teacher Educators Distinguished Teacher Candidate Award

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to the board and Dr. Patricia Tate for selecting me as a recipient of the Maryland Association of Teacher Educators Distinguished Teacher Candidate Award. I was humbled to have been chosen for this award knowing that there were many qualified teacher candidates in my cohort. The award is a great honor, and I really appreciate your recognition of my academic and student teacher internship achievements in the Elementary Education Model Program at The George Washington University.

The award is a worthwhile investment towards my professional development as a teacher, and I am challenged to live up to the expectations. Thank you Dr. Tate, the board, and Dr. Beck for continuing to support and encourage higher education. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated. — Ben Eshun

Program Faculty

We extend many thank-you’s…to our Supervising Faculty: Laurie Gross, Marti Jo Jackson, L ori Morton, Pat Ne verson, Bill Ol k, Susie Rosenbaum…to our Instructional Faculty: amazing part-time faculty Kim Sloan, who teaches our entire complement of Literacy courses in Reading, Language Arts, and Children’s Literature; alum faculty Mitch Pascal ’91 for Social Studies Methods and Bill Mosher ’07 for Math Methods…to our Seminar Presenters: Darren Reed, Elisabeth Casey ’96, Caroline Doughty, Angi Green, Kerry Litonjua, Eve Rutzen, Kate Sydney, and our Elementary Partner School Principals…to our Alum Presenters: Class of 2016’s Sabina Beg, Kasey Cook, Anna Bi, Katie Fennell, Landon Garvik, Mai-Li Hokama, Mimi Lee, Megan Ledig, Jason Moore, Nicole Morici, Liz Routzahn, Jennie Shin, Daniel Whalen… and to my wonderful Elementary Education colleagues: Colin Green, Interim Senior Associate Dean and Pat Tate, Director of GSEHD’s Office of Professional Preparation and Accreditation and 2018-2019 President of the Association of Teacher Educators…Thank you, all! •