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Photo tagline: Roseburg High School teacher Gwen Bartlett has been named a 2023 Regional Teacher of the Year. Courtesy of Roseburg Public Schools.

Gwen Bartlett Named Douglas ESD's Regional Teacher of the Year

Sept. 13, 2022 – The Oregon Department of Education, in partnership with the Oregon Lottery, is pleased to announce the Oregon Regional Teacher of the Year awards to honor exemplary educators in every region of the state. Candidates are exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable and skilled licensed public-school educators in grades PreK – 12. With passion, commitment and innovation at the heart of their work even through extraordinary circumstances, 16 teachers have been selected from across the state of Oregon as 2023 Regional Teachers of the Year.

Roseburg High School social studies teacher, Gwen Bartlett has been named Douglas ESD's 2023 Regional Teacher of the Year! On Sept. 12th, Bartlett was presented with the award and a \$1,000 cash prize at a celebratory school staff meeting.

"I have not walked this path alone, nor the only educator worthy of recognition, say Gwen Bartlett, Roseburg High School teacher. "I represent numerous educators who give unconditionally to their students every day. I am grateful to my colleagues at Roseburg High School who have supported, collaborated and shaped me as a professional over the years."

Regional Teachers of the Year are nominated by students, colleagues, administrators, friends or family members to apply for the award, and are selected by a diverse panel of regional representatives. Later this fall, one of the Regional Teachers of the Year will be named the 2023 Oregon Teacher of the Year.

"Mrs. Bartlett's ability to ensure every student has a place and feels important while providing a learning experience that they will never forget is what we want for each and every student," says Roseburg High School Principal, Dr. Jill Weber. "She has inspired countless students and changed numerous lives through her engaging instruction, caring heart for all students, and her understanding of the students she teaches. In addition, she is an outstanding leader, where she leads and mentors other teachers, both new and seasoned. She is also very involved with student activities through advising numerous clubs and is the high school's head track coach."

Thanks to the Oregon Department of Education's partnership with the Oregon Lottery, the 2023 Oregon Teacher of the Year receives a \$10,000 cash prize, \$5,000 is also awarded to their school, and they serve as a spokesperson and representative for all Oregon teachers. Three finalists will receive \$2,000 with a



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matching \$2,000 going to their school. Please visit OregonTeacheroftheYear.org for more information or to nominate a deserving teacher for 2024.

“Excellent educators have always been the most important resources to ensure students’ success, and they stepped up in new ways throughout these last few singular years.” – CCSSO National Teacher of the Year Program.

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