

Membership
Update



June 29, 2015

From the President...

President's Message

As we end the 2014-15 school year, I would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication to our students throughout this past school year. Providence teachers have the most difficult job in the state; and we continue to provide the best educational experience for our students considering the challenging conditions that we face in our classrooms and in our schools on a daily basis.

We are the best of the best and several of our teachers have been recognized for their outstanding efforts. This past school year the following teachers were the recipients of the Golden Apple Award:

Rosaura Vasquez	Gilbert Stuart Middle School
Kaleen O'Leary	DelSesto Middle School
Julie Pickhaver	Gilbert Stuart Middle School
Peter Smith	Times2 Academy
Silvana Laramee	Alfred Lima Elementary School
Donna Hanley	Alfred Lima Elementary School

In addition, Diane Ciccarone, a teacher at Carl G. Lauro Elementary, was named Providence's 2015 Teacher of the Year. I applaud all of them, as well as all of you, for your commitment to student achievement. Our efforts go well beyond what we do in our classrooms. I would like to thank everyone who participated in one of the many dress down days this past school such as our annual Providence Princess prom dress distribution and Book Drive during the holiday season. These fundraisers directly supported our students and in some cases provided assistance to our brothers and sisters in their time of need.

I hope everyone takes some time over the summer recess to relax and rejuvenate before the beginning of next school year.

From the President...

End of the Year Party

Approximately 300 teachers attended this year's end of the year party at Whiskey Republic.



We wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer recess!

HR Directive — Crutches/Boots

The Office of Human Resources has recently issued a directive that teachers are not allowed on school property while on crutches or the use of a boot.

This directive caused a number of teachers to either needlessly use sick leave or suffer loss of pay in the cases of exhausted sick leave.

If you were adversely affected by this recent directive, please contact the Union office immediately and speak with one of the field representatives.

PTU Scholarship Winners



Congratulations to the following PTU Scholarship winners:

- ◆ **Nicole White** who is the daughter of Kimberly White, a teacher at Esek Hopkins Middle school. Nicole will be attending St. Michael's College and her area of study is Biology.
- ◆ **Oceana Williams** who is the daughter of April Williams, a teacher at Alfred Lima Elementary school. Oceana will be attending Southern Connecticut State University and her area of study is Athletic Training.

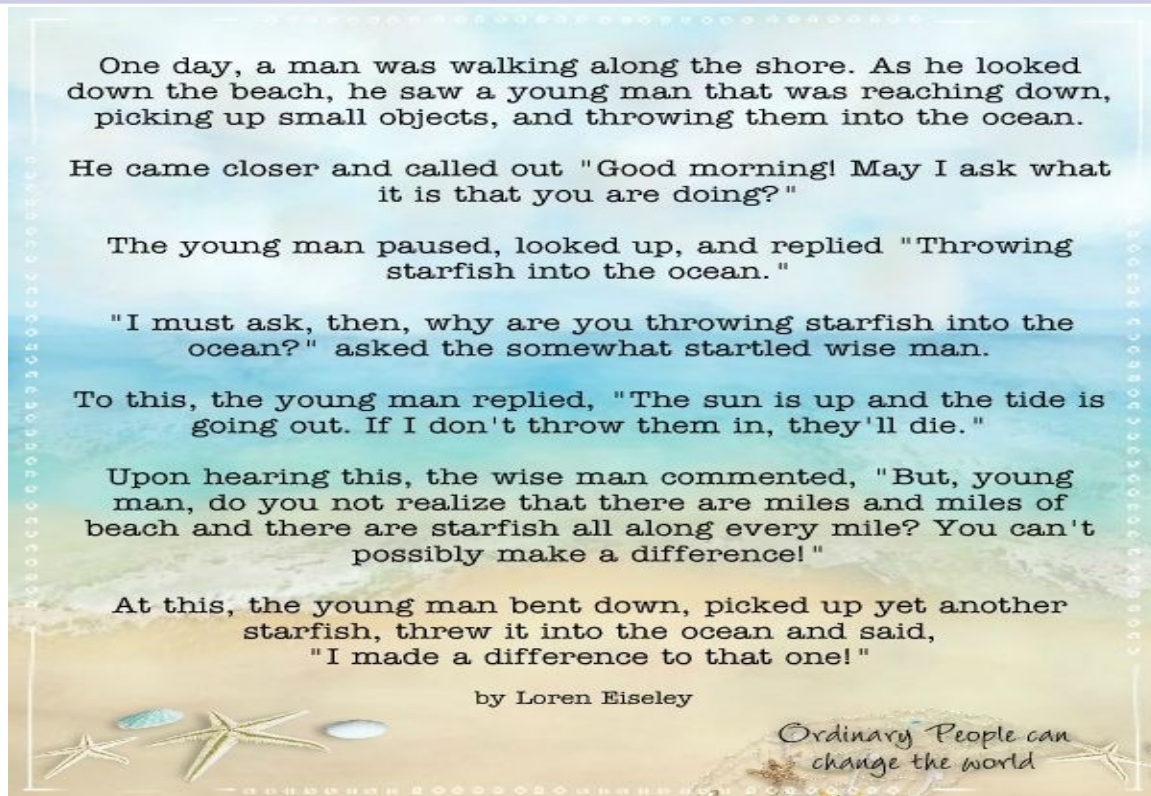
The following Providence high school students were awarded this year's PTU scholarships:

- ◆ Cheyenne Hudson Hope
- ◆ Arianna Mazariegos PCTA
- ◆ Juana Batz Classical
- ◆ Marisela Garcia DelaCruz Central
- ◆ Eunice Orellana Cabrera Alvarez

Best wishes to all in their academic endeavors!

From the President...

Congratulations to our Retirees!



Thank you for making a difference for hundreds of students everyday of your careers.

John Alecion
Nancy Allen
Carol Armour
Ida-Gianine Balzano
Ellen Conroy
Deborah Doyle
Helen Ferruci
Anna Flaherty
Renee Grant-Kane
James Hart
Marilyn Katz
Maureen Kenner
Karen Kimball
Donna Lancaster
George Latos
Jennifer Leyden

Barry Lial
Donna Lombardi
Mary Lombardo
Debra Lopes-Speaks
Rafael Luna
Gerald Luongo
Gail Mathews
Michael Palumbo
Nancy Patino
Clea Poirier
Alma Ritz
Robin Rowden
Gail Rubenstein
Colleen Shea
Maureen Sheehan
Laura Travis
Andres Zuniga

From the President...

In Memoriam

*"I am a firm believer that a teacher lives on and on through his students.
Good teaching is forever and the teacher is immortal."*

— Jesse Stuart

This past school year, we lost several of our fellow colleagues:

Paul E. Vorro—*May 14, 2015*—PTU Executive Director

Robert Andrade—*February 10, 2015*— Social Studies Teacher at ECubed

Diane Grossi—*November 24, 2015*— Business Teacher at Mt. Pleasant HS

Joy Martin —*September 30, 2015*—Fifth Grade Teacher at Leviton Dual Language

Earnest Pacheco—*September 11, 2015*—Sp. Education Teacher at R. Williams MS



Reminders....

◆ **PTU Summer Office Hours**

The Union office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday during summer recess. The office will be closed on Monday, July 6, 2015 in observance of Independence Day and August 10, 2015 in observance of VJ Day.

◆ **End of the Year Survey**

The deadline for your submission is July 1, 2015.

◆ **Teacher Schedules**

Teachers should receive their complete teaching schedules for the 2014-15 school year no later than August 17th.

◆ **Payroll Schedules**

The 2015-16 payroll schedules are now posted on the PTU website. The first payroll check will be issued on September 11, 2015.