



## Judith Tyler Awarded with Golden Apple for Excellence in Teaching

**FOLLOWING A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE PROCESS**, the 2019 Golden Apple award recipients were selected from more than 550 nominations of high school teachers. For the first time in the history of the awards, eligibility boundaries were expanded to include all of Illinois. On March 18, 2019, Judith Tyler of Barrington, a teacher at Maine East High School, was selected as one of 10 nominees to win the award.

The Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching honors outstanding teachers for their roles in having lasting, positive effects on students' lives and building stronger communities.

Judith Tyler works with her students to help them become aware of their own potential, their own biases, and their perspectives through lessons, experiences, and reflections that expand their knowledge of complex societal issues. She empowers her students to work to solve the inequality that faces our nation through service and understanding. Her colleagues say she has played a significant role in helping to build a learning culture at Maine East High School which has resulted in increased levels of achievement for all students. Tyler also contributed to the development of a robust selection of Advanced Placement and Dual Credit course offerings, and an ever-expanding system of academic supports and interventions for students at every level of achievement. Parents of her students say Tyler teaches much more than a subject; she teaches her students how to be good people and world citizens. She is the teacher who makes students want to come to school every day. She is an inspiration to the entire community and is the heart of the school.