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Bend High Teacher Receives Milken Educator Award for \$25,000

Bend, OR — In an all-school assembly today in front of her students, colleagues, and distinguished community members, Bend Senior High School math teacher Andria Lindsey was surprised with the prestigious Milken Educator Award for the state of Oregon and a gift check of \$25,000.

Lindsey is one of up to 44 recipients across the country who will receive the honor during the 2017-18 school year, and the only recipient for Oregon. The Milken Award recognizes exemplary elementary and secondary school teachers, principals, and specialists who are furthering excellence in education. She is the 79th recipient of the award since Oregon joined the program in 1990, and joins a network of more than 2,600 K-12 educators from across the country.

Lindsey has been a math teacher at Bend Senior High School since 2005, and for the past four years has taken on the role of International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Coordinator. She has taught and supported students from entry-level math courses up through IB Calculus, and much of her success can be attributed to her emphasis on relationship building with students and making math approachable and fun. Lindsey established Bend High's math lab to support students, as well as a middle school tutoring program that connects high school students with middle school students. She serves her colleagues and professional community as a teacher coach and mentor, math department head, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) trainer, and member of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

"Andria's passion and dedication to teaching and learning is second to none," said Bend High School Principal Christopher Reese. "Her number one priority is to create a classroom climate that is warm, inviting, safe and secure, and that is built on trust. Bend Senior High School is a better place because of her. She is an asset to education and an absolutely phenomenal teacher."

"Andria is a servant educator who ensures student successes through the development of exceptional relationships between students and staff that ensure every student is known by their name, strength and need," said Bend-La Pine Superintendent Shay Mikalson. "Many of her former students return to share their post-secondary and college successes with her – and attribute much of their preparedness to her."



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Andria was presented with the Milken Educator Award by Dr. Jane Foley, senior vice president of the Milken Family Foundation, and Acting Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction Colt Gill.

“Andria models the attitudes and high standards she desires to see reflected in her students, and as a result is highly regarded by students and staff alike,” said Acting Deputy Superintendent Colt Gill. “I applaud Andria on this well-deserved honor and her commitment to inspire excellence, change lives, and shape the future.”

"Andria Lindsey makes daunting subjects approachable, difficult problems solvable and fresh ways of thinking commonplace for her students with a flexibility and resourcefulness that's remarkable," said Dr. Jane Foley, "which is why she's a perfect Milken Educator Award recipient. By helping students find the joy in math, Lindsey not only primes her students for higher education success but also sets them on a trajectory in life where they can soar anywhere that their agile minds can imagine."

The Milken Educator Awards program, which was launched by the Milken Family Foundation (MFF) in 1987, has been described as “the Oscars of teaching” by *Teacher* magazine. Recipients are selected in early to mid-career for what they have achieved and for the promise of what they will accomplish. Alternating yearly between elementary and secondary educators, the Milken Awards are sourced through each participating state department of education, which appoints an independent blue ribbon committee to confidentially review candidates for recommendation to MFF. Be sure to visit [Andria Lindsey’s page](#) on the Milken website!

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