

Nominating for the Paula Fives-Taylor STEM Teacher of the Year Award

- **AWARD CRITERIA:** The successful candidate should
 - Inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn
 - Stimulate critical thinking
 - Have sustained excellence in teaching
 - Have earned the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues
 - Have developed innovative approaches to teaching methodology and curricula
 - Play an active and useful role in the community as well as in the school.

- **NOMINATIONS:** VASE invites every Vermont principal to nominate a K-8 or 9-12 STEM teacher from a private or public school. Nomination applications must include:
 - A nominating letter from the school principal
 - A second letter of recommendation
 - The candidate's resume
 - A one-page statement of teaching philosophy written by the candidate

Completed applications should be sent electronically to the VASE Outreach Coordinator, Dr. John Cohn at vtscieng@gmail.com. Applications must be received on or before Sept. 15 of the nomination year. Awards include a commemorative plaque and a cash prize that will be presented at a public forum to honor the awardee, who will become an affiliate member of the Academy.