

## **VASE AWARDS HONOR OUTSTANDING TEACHING IN STEM (K-12)**

The members of the Academy believe that the remarkable achievements in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics over the last millennium began with students who were stimulated to be curious at the elementary and high school levels. In recognition of the teacher's crucial role in this process, VASE has established an annual award to honor outstanding STEM teachers throughout the State of Vermont. There will be one award for a teacher of grades K-8 and a second award for teachers of grades 9-12.

**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:

1. a nominating letter from the school principal
2. a second letter of recommendation
3. the candidate's resume
4. 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 [ytscieng@gmail.com](mailto:ytscieng@gmail.com). **Applications must be received on or before June 28, 2021.** 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.