

## **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](mailto:vtscieng@gmail.com). Applications must be received on or before May1st 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.