

PDK University of Toronto Chapter Presentation of the Outstanding Educator Award to:

Mary Jean Gallagher

Teaching Today: Privilege and Sacred Trust

Ontario is recognized as a world leader in education today. Our journey has been a commitment characterized by continuous system wide improvement, combining excellence and equity in order to maximize opportunity for all our citizens. We are collectively involved in knowledge mobilization for social good and the power of education to improve community is endless. The journey and lessons learned are critical for ourselves and others. How do we live up to this trust and ensure the journey continues?



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Wednesday, April 24, 2013

5:30 pm – Annual General Meeting

6:00 pm – Opening Reception

7:00 pm – Dinner

8:00 pm – Presentations

The Faculty Club, University of Toronto

41 Willcocks Street (immediately east of Spadina Avenue, north of College, 1 block south of Harbor

Wheelchair accessibility on the main floor only.

Meter parking on the street or park at U.T. lot on St. George Street near Harbord Street.

Fees:

*Kappans \$65, Guests \$75, Students \$45 - Cash Bar

*Patrons \$80 - Names will be listed in the Program Booklet

Patrons' contributions will be directed towards supporting the membership of young teachers.

We look forward to seeing you. Please bring a guest to share in the fellowship of PDK!

Make your cheque payable to: "PDK, U-T" and mail it together with the information below, for arrival by Friday, April 12, 2013 to Chapter President, Bev Freedman, 68 Valley Vista Drive, Vaughan, ON L6A 0Z2

For Additional information call: 416-388-0667 or email: bevfreedman@rogers.com

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PDK-UT A.G.M. - Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at the U. of T. Faculty Club, 41 Willcocks Street, Toronto

Name..... email address:.....

Address..... Phone (.....).....

Guests' names:..... Amount enclosed:.....

Total number attending AGM, April 24, 2013 ____ Please specify either: Chicken dinners ____ or Vegetarian dinners ____

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Outstanding Educator 2013

Mary Jean Gallagher

Mary Jean Gallagher is an educator with a lifelong passion for improving student achievement.

She was appointed Chief Student Achievement Officer of Ontario and CEO of the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat in September of 2008 and has leveraged this passion on a system wide level. Under her leadership, student achievement continues to rise in Ontario.

In addition to her responsibilities as Chief Student Achievement Officer, Mary Jean is the Assistant Deputy Minister of the newly formed Student Achievement Division, overseeing both elementary and secondary student success.

Before arriving at the Ministry of Education in her current roles, Mary Jean had served as Director of Education of the Greater Essex County District School Board, and its predecessor, since 1995. She was also Chair of the Council of Ontario Directors of Education and was Chief Executive Officer of the Ontario Education Improvement Commission from 1997-2000. Formerly a teacher of mathematics and computer science, as well as President of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation in her district, she also served as a secondary school principal and as a School Superintendent of Staffing and Development.

Mary Jean's passion for student achievement stems from her deep seated belief in the importance of education for all children, everywhere. Her belief in community service led her to Rotary where she has been a member since 1991. In 2000 she spent a month in the Amazon Region of Brazil as a Rotary Volunteer in Action, establishing a new university in the region, with a special focus on serving the poor. In 2010, she travelled to India with Rotary and helped with a massive immunization effort which saw 172 million children vaccinated against polio within two days.

A former Windsor Woman of the Year, Mary Jean has also served in the city as a Director of the Arts Council, Chair of the Essex County District Health Council and Chair of the Essex County Health System Reconfiguration Project. She has been a member of the Board of Directors of United Way. Mary Jean is the recipient of the MEDA Gold Medal for Community Service, 1995, and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, in 2003, for her leadership in education. Early in 2005, she was presented with the Athena Award for her professionalism and community service and in June of 2006, she was bestowed an Honourary Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Windsor.
