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Nominations sought for Wagner College educator awards

Candidates must be Wagner grads or an Island educator

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Wagner College is seeking nominations to honor Staten Island educators with its annual “Distinguished Educator” awards program.

Exceptional Staten Island school teachers, administrators, college professors and community educators can be nominated.

Teachers or principals nominated for a Distinguished Educator Award must be either a Wagner College graduate, or an educator who lives or works on Staten Island.

Impacting students' lives

They must also have five or more years of experience teaching or supervising students from kindergarten through high school; be an educator “whose impact extends well beyond the school walls” and “inspires youth to make a difference in their

own lives and/or the lives of others.”

“Caring, curious, competent and committed teachers and school leaders who tie their work closely to the needs of their communities aren’t just valuable people — they are the very lifeblood of a healthy society. Without such teachers, we inevitably falter.

“With them, our children thrive and a brighter, more prosperous future is secured for all,” said Wagner College President Richard Guarasci.

The awards were created

by New Educators at Wagner (NEW), a post-graduate teacher development program that fosters learning among early-career educators. NEW was created by Guarasci’s wife, Carin, a longtime educator.

To recommend an educator for Wagner College’s Distinguished Educators Awards, complete the nomination form by March 17. The form is available online at <http://bit.ly/1SSjFQb>.

The award ceremony will be June 8 on Wagner’s Grymes Hill campus.