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## IslandWood and Seattle Foundation Announce the 2018 Recipients of the Patsy Collins Award for Excellence in Education, Environment, and Community

Three Honorees are Teachers from the Seattle, Edmonds,  
and Riverview School Districts

**BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA** (November 6, 2018) – Teachers Laura Tyler of South Shore PreK-8 in Seattle, Jennie Warmouth of Spruce Elementary School in Lynwood, and Elizabeth Wing of Carnation Elementary are the 2018 recipients of the Patsy Collins Award for Excellence in Education, Environment, and Community.

“We are thrilled to recognize these three Puget Sound area teachers who are taking learning outside of the classroom and creating opportunities for their students to deepen their understanding of their environment and the impact they can have on their world and community,” remarked John Haskin, Senior Vice President of Education at IslandWood.

Tyler, Warmouth, and Wing were selected for their innovative approaches that connect learning with students’ lives and communities to foster environmental awareness and stewardship behaviors. In honor of their commitment to creating learning experiences that make a difference for kids, their communities, and the planet, each of these three educators will receive a \$10,000 cash prize. Learn more about these honorees at: <https://islandwood.org/2018PatsyCollins>.

A partnership between the Seattle Foundation and IslandWood, with funding from an anonymous donor at the Seattle Foundation, the annual Patsy Collins Award for Excellence in Education, Environment, and Community honors extraordinary teachers in Washington K-12 schools who extend learning beyond the classroom. Teachers can be nominated or apply for the award and are selected by a committee of IslandWood educators.

“We are proud to partner with IslandWood to recognize innovative teachers who inspire young people to connect to our environment and understand their role as good stewards. This is a wonderful way to honor the legacy of Patsy Collins, a generous philanthropist who believed deeply in conservation and setting aside open spaces for generations to come,” said Tony Mestres, President and CEO of Seattle Foundation.

This award was established to honor Patsy Collins, a philanthropist and civic leader who cared deeply about education and stewarding our environment and natural resources for generations to come. Learn more about Patsy Collins, a longtime contributor to IslandWood, and how she inspired this award at <https://islandwood.org/patsycollins>.

### About IslandWood

Since its founding in 2000, IslandWood has been advancing innovative and inclusive education that inspires understanding and stewardship of our planet. Its place-based, experiential learning programs offered for Puget

Sound area schools serve more than 10,000 students every year on its Bainbridge Island campus, at the Brightwater wastewater treatment plant in Woodinville, and in Seattle schools and communities. IslandWood also offers graduate programs in education, has developed community-connected science curriculum in partnership with Seattle Public Schools, provides teacher training, and leads statewide advocacy initiatives. Learn more: [www.islandwood.org](http://www.islandwood.org).

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