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*Celebrating Excellence  
in School Leadership*





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*Nominate a Colleague!*

**NOV 17** NAESP Assistant Principals & NASSP Assistant Principal Application Deadline

**JAN 15** Nomination Deadline All Other Awards

**FEB 9** Application Deadline All Other Awards

## Leader in Digital Education Award

This award recognizes a SAANYS member who has demonstrated exceptional, creative leadership in harnessing the potential of technology to further teaching and student achievement. The candidate will have demonstrated excellent organizational and communication skills in supporting and promoting such innovative digital practices for his/her learning community.

## Outstanding Educator Award

This award is given annually to a SAANYS member who has made outstanding contributions in New York State schools. Potential criteria include: outstanding leadership in public education; exemplary service to professional organizations; and/or noteworthy writing and/or research in the field of education. Recognition of SAANYS members of various roles, responsibilities, and titles is encouraged.

## Leadership and Support Award

The SAANYS Leadership and Support Award was established to recognize the outstanding leadership efforts of those members whose responsibilities require leadership through support services to fellow administrators across and between buildings and districts. Such administrators may be employed by BOCES or in other cooperative efforts. These positions include non-instructional and support positions that promote and encourage collaboration among multiple buildings and/or districts.

## Irving Schwartz (Retiree)

Irving Schwartz was one of the founding members of SAANYS. As an NASSP coordinator, he served on the SAANYS Board of Directors through 1994. He supported SAANYS as a Nassau County regional representative for many years, retiring in 1999. This award is given to a SAANYS member who, in retirement, has made significant contributions to the welfare of the association, public education, and/or the greater community.

## K-12 Building Principal Award

This award is in recognition of the unique characteristics of a K-12 building and the related demands, expectations, and challenges of a principal in this multi-level environment. It is given to a SAANYS member who is a successful principal of a K-12 building and recognized educational leader who has been a practicing administrator for at least 3 years. Criteria:

- Demonstrated leadership in establishing the pace, character, and mission of the building.
- Demonstrated creativity and resourcefulness in providing comprehensive programs and services for all levels and grades.
- Evidence of positive parental and community involvement in the school and student involvement in the community.
- Evidence of enhancing positive interaction between all levels of students.
- Utilization of outside resources for program enhancement.
- Evidence of collaborative involvement of all staff in decision-making and program implementation.
- Evidence of instructional leadership in support of quality teaching and student achievement.

## Friend of Education Award

This award was established to honor an individual who, or a group or organization that, has contributed to the general support and advancement of outstanding public school education in New York State.

This individual, group, or organization:

- Is not a professional educator or educational organization within the K-12 NYS public school system.
- Has contributed to the support and advancement of outstanding public school education in a way that extends to the broadest number of students in one or more of SAANYS' regions.
- Has been a role model for educators by consistently demonstrating a belief in the importance and value of a public school education.
- Has made these contributions over an extended period of time.



**SAANYS ANNUAL  
AWARDS  
PROGRAM 2024  
NATIONAL AWARDS**

**SAANYS is the official state affiliate to the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) and the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and their annual awards programs.**

*Note: if applying for a national award, please be cognizant of the eligibility criteria described below. If you/the candidate meet the national criteria, an expanded national application will be sent. If not eligible for a national award based on the criteria, A SAANYS only state-level application will be forwarded.*

### **SAANYS/NAESP Assistant Principal Awards (Elementary and Middle)**

This program promotes educational excellence for pre-kindergarten through eighth grade (PreK-8) schooling and calls attention to the fundamental importance of the assistant principal. Candidates must: be a member of NAESP at the time of nomination; be a practicing assistant principal with at least two years of experience in the role; demonstrate exceptional leadership in a particular school program; and be respected by, and set high standards for, students, colleagues, parents, and the community.

### **SAANYS/NASSP Assistant Secondary School Principal Award**

The NASSP National Assistant Principal of the Year program annually recognizes outstanding middle level and high school assistant principals who have succeeded in providing high quality learning opportunities for students. These assistant principals are acknowledged by their peers for the exemplary contributions they have made to the profession. From the state winners, three finalists are named as contenders for the NASSP National Assistant Principal of the Year award. Criteria for NASSP nomination: candidates must have served as an assistant principal at one or more middle level or high schools for three or more consecutive school years. Candidates must also be a member of SAANYS and NASSP at the time of selection.

### **SAANYS/NAESP Elementary School Principal Award**

This award is given annually to a SAANYS and NAESP member who has distinguished herself/himself as an elementary school principal.

### **SAANYS/NAESP Middle School Principal Award**

This award is given annually to a SAANYS and NAESP member who has distinguished herself/himself as a middle school principal.

Criteria for these NAESP affiliated awards include that the candidates: demonstrate evidence of outstanding contributions to the community and to the education profession; must be a member of NAESP for at least three consecutive years at the time of nomination and maintain membership through the conclusion of the NAESP Award Ceremony; be a practicing principal with at least five years of experience in the principalship; and plan to continue as a practicing principal.

### **SAANYS/NASSP Secondary School Principal of the Year Award**

The NASSP National Principal of the Year program recognizes outstanding middle level and high school principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as demonstrating exemplary contributions to the profession. NASSP honors all State Principals of the Year at the Principal's Institute held each year in Washington, D.C. From these state winners, three finalists are named as contenders for the National Principal of the Year award. Criteria: for this award: principal candidates must have served as a principal at one or more middle level or high schools for three or more consecutive school years. Candidates must also be a member of SAANYS and NASSP at the time of selection.

**For additional national rules and criteria, visit:**

**<https://nasspawards.org/poy/eligibility> | <https://www.naesp.org/programs/recognition/ndp/>**

**Nominators are asked to complete this form and return to Holly Bell at SAANYS via fax at (518) 782-9552 or mail to:**

SAANYS  
ATTN: Holly Bell  
8 Airport Park Blvd., Latham, NY 12110

# Awards Nomination Form

*(to be completed  
by nominator)*

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please include a narrative, not to exceed one page, which demonstrates qualifications based on the criteria for the awards. You may include newspaper articles, published works, letters of support, or other evidence of support.

**NOMINEE** (✓ if self-nomination )

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_  ES  MS  HS

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATOR** (If self-nomination, complete only Nominee section)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_  ES  MS  HS

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Years you have worked with nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief quote (1-2 sentences only), from you, regarding this nominee. **All information may be used for publicity purposes if this nominee is selected as an award recipient. Return of this form is an indication of permission to use same.**

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*The SAANYS Awards Committee will review nomination forms and consider candidates for ALL awards for which they qualify. If, as a nominator, you wish to recommend an award you feel is appropriate, please do so here.*

## SAANYS Awards

- Leader in Digital Education  Leadership and Support  K-12 Building Principal  
 Outstanding Educator  Irving Schwartz Distinguished Retiree  Friend of Education

## National Awards (SAANYS and NAESP/NASSP)

- Elementary Principal of the Year (NAESP)  Assistant Secondary School Principal of the Year (NASSP)  
 Assistant Elementary Principal of the Year (NAESP)  Secondary School (Middle/High) Principal of the Year (NASSP)  
 Assistant Middle School Principal of the Year (NAESP)  
 Middle School Principal of the Year (NAESP)

**Please be sure to review the award criteria within prior to nomination.**