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North Salt Lake educator to receive national recognition with the 2015 California Casualty Award for Teaching Excellence

WASHINGTON, DC (June 23, 2014) – Allison Riddle, a 5th grade teacher at Foxboro Elementary School in North Salt Lake, Utah will receive the [2015 California Casualty Award for Teaching Excellence](#), one of public education's most prestigious awards.

Riddle is among 39 public educators who will be honored at the [NEA Foundation's Salute to Excellence in Education Gala](#) to be held in Washington, DC on February 13, 2015. One of public education's most anticipated events, the gala attracts more than 850 of the nation's leaders from public education, philanthropy, and the private sector.

"We give these awards annually to honor and promote excellence in education and to elevate the profession. Educators like these are critical to their students' academic success, and they deserve national recognition," said Harriet Sanford, President and CEO of the NEA Foundation. "We are thrilled that California Casualty has joined us again this year to pay tribute to educators who are making such a difference in the lives of students in classrooms across the country."

"Educating our youth is so critically important. California Casualty is proud to partner with the NEA Foundation to pause and celebrate excellence in teaching," said Beau Brown, Chairman and CEO of California Casualty.

The educators were nominated by their National Education Association state affiliates. Each educator's school will receive a \$650 award.

From the 39 state awardees, five finalists will be selected to receive \$10,000 cash awards. At the conclusion of the Washington, DC gala, one finalist will be named the nation's top educator and receive an additional \$25,000. The NEA Foundation and the National Education Association jointly present the awards.

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