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Far Hills Country Day School

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Far Hills Country Day School Teacher Named NJ Nonpublic School Teacher of the Year

Far Hills, NJ – Lauren Bergland, middle school English teacher at Far Hills Country Day School has been named the NJ Nonpublic School Teacher of the Year by the New Jersey Council for American Private Education (NJ CAPE). Ms. Bergland was selected for her exceptional dedication, knowledge and skill in teaching.

“My greatest joy as a teacher is being even a small part of a student developing a love of learning and steady progression of skills and knowledge. Much of what we do as teachers deals in intangibles - sometimes growth can't be captured simply in a grade on a test, so it is particularly rewarding to watch a student grow as a writer and communicator and realize the power of words, language, and communication,” said Ms. Bergland.

She will be honored at an awards ceremony on October 20th at the New Jersey Department of Education in Trenton.

Tom Woelper, Head of Far Hills Country Day School said “Lauren inspires her students every day to ask questions, think deeply and truly explore the subject at hand – which may be writing an epic poem or participating in a poetry slam, reading Shakespeare, discussing the first-person perspective in *To Kill a Mockingbird* or diagramming sentences. She makes every aspect of English an exciting exploration.”

Carole Everett, Executive Director of the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools (NJ AIS) commented, “Lauren Bergland truly distinguished herself in this rigorous application and interview process.”

Ms. Bergland is a member of the National Council of Teachers of English. Additionally this year the Scholastic Art & Writing Award named her a Recognized Educator for her work with a student earning a Gold Key writing award.

Far Hills Country Day School is a PreK-grade eight independent school that is guided by a dual mission to provide each child brilliant beginnings for success in the modern world through academic excellence and character development. The school is situated on 54 acres in Far Hills, New Jersey. The campus includes learning gardens, age-specific computer labs and media centers, a state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center, a large Athletics Center including a climbing wall, outdoor fields and tennis courts, a ropes challenge course, meadows, ponds, and woodlands.

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