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Far Hills Music Teacher Selected NJ Nonpublic School Teacher of the Year

FAR HILLS, NJ—Amy Burns, Far Hills Country Day School (FH) Music Teacher and Director of the Far Hills Conservatory, has been named the 2017 Nonpublic School Teacher of the Year by the New Jersey Council for American Private Education (NJ CAPE). Mrs. Burns was selected for her exceptional dedication, knowledge and skill in music and performing arts education, as well as her ability to inspire students of all ages.

“My greatest joy about teaching music is that I get to play a small role in each child’s musical journey. I adore watching him or her develop an appreciation and joy for music. When a child experiences confidence by performing with their peers, or self-esteem by mastering a difficult musical passage or piece, it inspires me to reflect on my teaching and to learn more,” said Amy. “I love working at Far Hills because they value the arts so highly. They recognize that all arts—from performing to fine arts—play an essential role in each child’s strength of mind and strength of character.”

Mrs. Burns was selected out of a pool of highly qualified and distinguished nominees from the state’s community of 87 independent schools. Carole Everett, Director of the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools noted that Amy “participated in a rigorous evaluation process, including an in-person interview by the Nonpublic School Advisory Committee.”

FH Head of School, Tom Woelper, remarked, “We are so proud of Amy for winning this accolade. Amy consistently embodies the mission of Far Hills inside and outside of the classroom each day, making learning come alive for her students. I can’t think of a better person to be named New Jersey’s Nonpublic School Teacher of the Year.”

Mrs. Burns will be honored at a reception and luncheon on Tuesday, September 26 at the Diocese of Trenton Pastoral Center in Lawrenceville, NJ.

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Far Hills inspires academic excellence and life skills such as resourcefulness, resilience, integrity, self-control, and a myriad of other invaluable traits that lay the foundation for lifelong success. We call that RIGOR.

Our students don't just learn answers. They develop the courage to challenge those answers. They learn not only problem solving, but also gain the confidence to stand by their solutions. They don't simply learn to play a musical composition, they develop the self-esteem to stand up and perform. This is the balance that defines Far Hills—and sets our students apart.

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