



Jay Robinson Education Leadership Awards

PUBLIC SCHOOL FORUM OF NC

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AWARDEES

Since 2000, the Forum has bestowed the Jay Robinson Education Leadership Award to recognize exemplary leaders who have made outstanding contributions to public education. The award is named in honor of the late Dr. Jay Robinson, one of our state's most distinguished education leaders and the first president of the Public School Forum.



Mebane Rash is the founding CEO and editor-in-chief of EducationNC. While we all know Mebane for her impactful work at EdNC finding powerful grass root stories to inform residents and policy makers on education trends, issues and challenges, her work for students goes beyond the pages of their site and into the towns and communities of NC. Mebane has also been nationally recognized as a leader by various organizations, from participating in the Aspen Executive Seminar on Leadership, Values and the Good Society to being one of 60 women from 25 countries invited to spend a week at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Locally, in 2021 she was awarded the Friday Medal.



Tom Oxholm is the retired Executive Vice President of Wake Stone Corporation and an outspoken advocate for NC local public schools. Tom has dedicated much of his time outside the office as a servant to his community and to public school students across NC. Tom has served as a Wake Board of Education Member, founder of Wake County Business Education Leadership Council, and as a board member of the Public School Forum and Wake Ed Partnership. Tom also works directly with and for students, including tutoring children weekly in Wake County Schools over many years and engaging other business leaders to do the same to provide a consistent presence and learning support for students.



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- One reserved table for eight plus two educators
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- Quarter-page advertisement in program

Table Sponsor - \$2,500

- One reserved table for eight plus two educators
- Recognition on event signage and program

Gala Hosts - \$500

- Two tickets to gala
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- 2018 - Ann Goodnight**
- 2017 - Howard N. Lee**
- 2016 - Governor James G. Martin, John Dornan and Jo Ann Norris**
- 2015 - Governor James B. "Jim" Hunt, Jr. and Carolyn L. Hunt**
- 2014 - Dr. Mark Edwards**
- 2013 - Dr. Edward Eugene "Gene" Causby and Dr. Patricia "Pat" Ashley**
- 2012 - Justice Burley Mitchell and Dr. Peggy Smith**
- 2011 - Erskine Bowles and Dr. Sam Houston**
- 2010 - Lawrence L. "Larry" Seigler**
- 2009 - Dr. Dudley E. Flood**
- 2008 - Dr. William C. Harrison**
- 2007 - Phil J. Kirk, Jr.**
- 2006 - Dr. Ann T. Denlinger**
- 2005 - Judge Howard E. Manning, Jr.**
- 2004 - Dr. Robert E. Bridges**
- 2003 - Dr. James F. Causby**
- 2002 - Dr. Tom McNeel**
- 2000 - Laura Bilbro-Berry**