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2021 PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION AWARDS SHOW

May 13, 2021
5:00 – 6:00 PREMIERE
UConn ECE YouTube



MUSICAL PRELUDE

What a Wonderful World
Sofia DiNatale & Vincent Kaverud

HOST

Cody Olson, Program Coordinator
Office of Early College Programs

WELCOME

Brian Boecherer, Executive Director
Office of Early College Programs

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FIRST-YEAR COURSE INSTRUCTION

Christopher Wisniewski
Biology — *Berlin High School*
Presented by Nella Quasnitschka

Kelsey Kapalczynski
Statistics — *Wethersfield High School*
Presented by Jessica Hinckley

REMARKS

Peter Diplock, Associate Vice Provost
University of Connecticut

**INSTRUCTOR AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN COURSE INSTRUCTION**

Thomas Vrabel

Sustainable Plant & Soil Sciences
*Trumbull Regional Agriscience &
Biotechnology Center*

Presented by Stefanie Malinoski

Margaret Kimmett

Chemistry — *Valley Regional High School*

Presented by Todd Blodgett

Lalitha Kasturirangan

English — *Eli Whitney Technical High School*

Presented by Carissa Rutkauskas

MUSIC

Orange, Rubyfruit Acapella

**PRINCIPAL AWARD FOR
PROGRAM SUPPORT & ADVOCACY**

Frances DiFiore

Cromwell High School

Presented by Brian A. Boecherer

**SITE REPRESENTATIVE AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

Ka Man “Mandy” Cheung

Fairchild Wheeler Interdistrict

Science Magnet School

Presented by Jessica Dunn

**LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN ENRICHMENT &
COLLABORATION**

Liza Zandonella
Newton High School
Presented by Melanie Banks

MUSIC

High Five, Drop the Bass Acapella

**THOMAS E. RECCHIO FACULTY COORDINATOR
AWARD FOR ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP**

Anthony Rizzie
Mathematics — *University of Connecticut*
Presented by Thomas E. Recchio

**JAN PIKUL AWARD FOR CONTINUED
EXCELLENCE IN INSTRUCTION**

Aaron Hull
Political Science — *Greenwich High School*
Presented by Brian A. Boecherer

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We thank you.



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