



# American Civic Education Teacher Awards



American Civic Education Teacher Award presented to teachers Donna Paoletti Phillips, Christopher G. Cavanaugh, and Galelyn McElroy at the Congressional Conference on Civic Education

The American Civic Education Teacher Awards (ACETA) is administered by the Center for Civic Education and funded by the U.S. Department of Education under the Education for Democracy Act passed by the United States Congress.

The goals of the program are to honor American teachers of civics, government, and related fields and to promote national recognition and respect for the teaching profession as a whole and for teachers of civic education in particular.

The Center for Civic Education, the Center on Congress at Indiana University, and the National Education Association conduct the annual awards program. The honored teachers attend and receive their awards at the Congressional Conference on Civic Education held each year in Washington, D.C.

The ACETA is one of the many activities of the Alliance for Representative Democracy, a congressional initiative designed to educate Americans about the critical relationship between government and the people it serves. The Alliance is administered by the Center for Civic Education, Center on Congress at Indiana University, and the National Conference of State Legislatures. For more information, see [www.civiced.org](http://www.civiced.org).

- *"Students are never too young to learn about the Constitution, or political philosophy, or their rights and responsibilities. As a civic education teacher, I am called to push students to seek a higher purpose for themselves as citizens of the classroom and of society at large."*  
DONNA PAOLETTI PHILLIPS, ACETA AWARD WINNER, ROBERT FROST MIDDLE SCHOOL, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
- *"My mission is to open the minds of my students to their rights and responsibilities as American citizens. Teaching the Constitution and its underlying principles is of the utmost importance in our society."*  
CHRISTOPHER CAVANAUGH, PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, PLAINFIELD, INDIANA
- *"As a teacher I am committed to helping them. To live the American dream they must be knowledgeable and informed about the U.S. government and the role it plays in their lives."*  
GALELYN MCELROY, CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MAGNET CAREER ACADEMY, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Applications for the ACETA program are accepted in February of each year. The three recipients are announced in April. For more information, please consult [www.civiced.org](http://www.civiced.org).

