

PRESS RELEASE

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ESSEX COUNTY FREEHOLDERS CONGRATULATE TEACHER SUSAN ARRIGONI

**Millburn H. S. Teacher is Recipient of the “2011 Outstanding Biology Teacher Award”
For New Jersey from the National Association of Biology Teachers**



Millburn H. S. teacher Susan Arrigoni (center) was honored by the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders during its February 1, 2012, meeting held at the Hall of Records. Ms. Arrigoni was congratulated for having been named the recipient of the “2011 Outstanding Biology Teacher Award” for New Jersey by the National Association of Biology Teachers. The Board’s commendation was presented by Freeholder Leonard M. Luciano of West Caldwell (left) and Freeholder Vice President Patricia Sebold of Livingston (right). (Photo by Glen Frieson)

(Newark, NJ) – The Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders honored Susan Arrigoni, a Millburn High School biology teacher, during its February 1, 2012, meeting held at the Hall of Records. She was congratulated for having been recently named the recipient of the “2011 Outstanding Biology Teacher Award” for New Jersey by the National Association of Biology Teachers.

Ms. Arrigoni has been a teacher at Millburn High School since 2002, where she has taught biological sciences at all levels, including Advance Placement, and especially enjoys teaching an-

atomy and physiology. During her years at the high school, she has also coached students in the New Jersey Science League, organized blood drives for the American Red Cross, and facilitated the Future Physicians and Nurses Club.

Prior to beginning her teaching career, Ms. Arrigoni worked for 12 years as a microbiologist and supervisor of a Quality Assurance microbiology laboratory for Ortho Diagnostics, a Johnson & Johnson company, where she was a specialist in environmental and contamination control, an industry lecturer, a task force member and author. She received her B.A. degree in Biology with a concentration in Microbiology from Rutgers University, and obtained a M.A. and Ed.S. degree in Education from Seton Hall University, where she is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in High Education, Leadership, Management and Policy.

The National Association of Biology Teachers (NBTA) is recognized as the “leader in life science education”. It has a membership of thousands of educators who have joined the organization to share experiences and expertise with colleagues from around the world, to keep up with trends and developments in the field, and to grow professionally. NBTA’s stated mission is “...to empower educators to provide the best possible biology and life science education for all students”.

Each year, the NBTA, through its Outstanding Teacher Award program, attempts to recognize an outstanding biology educator (grades 7-12) in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, Puerto Rico and overseas territories. Candidates must have at least three years of public, private or parochial school teaching experience, and a major portion of the candidates’ careers must have been devoted to the teaching of biology/life science. They are judged on their teaching ability and experience, cooperativeness in the school and community, inventiveness, initiative and student-teacher relationships.

The Board’s presentation was proudly co-sponsored and presented by two freeholder-educators in their own right, Freeholder Vice President Patricia Sebold of Livingston (a retired English teacher who taught at West Orange High School for 30 years) and Freeholder Leonard M. Luciano of West Caldwell (currently a Library Research Specialist with the Newark Public Schools).

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