



Fairfield PTA Council



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Alis B. McGrath Friend of Education Award

Each year the PTA Council honors a member of the Fairfield community as a Friend of Education. This is a person who is committed to the cause of excellence in our public schools and who has demonstrated clear leadership through their active involvement, not just in the educational process, but as on the larger community stage as well.

A nominee should meet the following criteria:

- Made a significant contribution to the betterment of the children in our public schools
- Made a *system-wide* contribution to further education in the town
- Made these contributions/involvements outside of his/her official responsibilities in the public schools

In 2000 the PTA Council renamed its Friend of Education Award in memory of Alis B. McGrath, who was inspirational in her dedication to the town of Fairfield and its education system. It was felt she truly personified the very meaning of the award. Her lifelong and tireless contributions left us stronger and more able to meet the challenges of the future.

Her work on behalf of Fairfield's youth included serving as President of Holland Hill Elementary School and Fairfield High School PTAs, Director of the Fairfield High School Scholarship Foundation, representative to the Town Youth Council and Adults and Children Together (ACT). As a community activist she served as a RTM member from District 8, Commissioner of Human Services, Newsletter Editor for the League of Women Voters, Docent for the Audubon Society, and member of the Senior Center Renovation Committee, just to name a few. Additionally, Alis was awarded the PTA Council's prestigious Deanna O. Kiernan Award in 1993 for her work through the PTA.

Recent awardees include Alexa Mullady, former Board of Education member; Joy Shaw, founder of the River Lab Program; Howard Diamond, past president of the High School Scholarship Foundation of Fairfield; and Coralee Reiss, DTC member and a continuous strong voice for education at all levels in Fairfield.

In September and October the Fairfield PTA Council seeks nominations for the Alis B. McGrath Friend of Education Award. Applications may be obtained by clicking [here](#), at the Fairfield Public Schools Central Office at 501 Kings Highway E., or by contacting the PTAC Chair of Awards Committee, at AwardsChair@ffldptac.org

Please note, the PTA Council may choose not to grant this award if no nominee satisfactorily meets all the criteria listed above.

For the 2009 award please submit by October 26, 2009

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