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Representing all of the certificated
And licensed classroom teachers,
psychologists, guidance counselors,
specialists, librarians, nurses, and
tutors in the Canton City School
System . . . is continually striving to
meet the needs of our students,
educators, and community.

CPEA Mission Statement

The Canton Professional
Educators' Association initiates
and supports positive changes in
the public school system,
promotes the educational
profession, and actively serves as
an advocate for its members.

OUR MESSAGE

Students are our Priority
Educators are our Strength
Community Members are our
Partners
Integrity is our Promise

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COMMUNIQUE

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CPEA will regularly communicate with you regarding
the exciting activities our members are involved in
within our schools and in our community.

We hope you will enjoy learning more about CPEA
and some of our activities.

CPEA “Educator of the Year”

Since 1978, the Canton Professional Educators’ Association has chosen an “Educator of the Year.” This award is based on classroom performance, dedication to public education, community service, honors and awards, and extra-curricular school activities. The teacher is nominated and selected by colleagues.

In this *Communique*, we would like to introduce you to Ms. Ora Strain, our 2014-2015 CPEA Educator of the Year.

To quote from her nomination letter:

“We are nominating Ora Strain as CPEA Teacher of the Year because we feel she exemplifies the strength, character and dedication of an outstanding teacher who loves and respects her profession and promotes the success of all students. She advocates for and nurtures students and colleagues so that no one falls between the cracks. Ora educates with the premise that all children can learn and grow both socially and academically.”

“She has modeled tolerance for her students and teaches them how to respect each other. Parents, students and teachers often praise her for her work, her commitment to students and her profession. Her passion is unwavering and her work is evident to the success of all students.”

2014 – 2015

CPEA “Educator of the Year” Ora Strain

Ora Strain is our most recent award winner. She retired at the end of the 2014-2015 school year, serving in the position of a Title I Teacher at Allen Elementary School. Ora taught for 27 years, all in Canton City Schools, and was a member OEA, NEA, and CPEA where she held a position on our Executive Leadership Team. She served our country in the U.S. Army for three years of active duty and thirteen years in the Reserves, and holds positions on the Board of the NAACP and Leila Green Alliance of Black School Educators.

Ora has received awards from the Martha Jennings Program, the Stark County Character Counts Program, the Ohio Lottery Teacher Character of the Month, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for 2015.

Also nominated for our 2014-2015 “Educator of the Year” were:

Sharon Dulabaum

Art Teacher

Arts Academy @ Summit

James Scott Mason

Band / Music Teacher

C2RA @ Lehman

CPEA “Educator of the Year”

Previous Recipients

Mary Wagner	Donna Trbovich
Doyle Nutter	Tom Horney
Donna Trbovich	John Emmons
Josephine Zeno	Linda Snyder
Sid Edwards	Helen Colaianne
Marilyn Nave	Kirk Hofmeister/
Cynthia Horne	Suzanne Miller
Marion Mazzarella	Mike Gravilla
David Bertsch	Alice Fonner
Libby Hendler	Carole Eaton
Florence Dreussi	William Small
Joe Orin	Vicki Yoho
Elizabeth Paul	Annie Arvidson
Brenda Neel	Kathy Kisha-Wise
William Brown	Manuel Halkias
Norma Washington	Janice Hubbard
Belinda Manard	Pam Kraft
G. Terry Rife	Janice Fiorello
Anthony Watson	Ora Strain
Kay Kuhns	



**The 2015-2016 CPEA
“Educator of the Year” will be chosen on
April 4th at our
Building Leadership Rep Assembly.**