



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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Boston—February 26, 2021. Mass Insight Education & Research (Mi) will be honoring Advanced Placement (AP) STEM & English teachers from across the Commonwealth who have made a significant impact on AP student success. The 2021 Partners in Excellence (PIE) teaching award presentations will take place virtually from 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm on March 4, 11, and 18.

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On March 25, Mi will present several special recognition awards to outstanding advocates of AP education and feature an inspiring keynote interview with Kimberly Ellison-Taylor, Executive Director of Finance Thought Leadership at Oracle.

The award presentations and closing ceremony will be broadcasted on YouTube and you can register at [www.massinsight.org/partners-in-excellence-2021](http://www.massinsight.org/partners-in-excellence-2021) to view the celebrations.

Leadership sponsors for this year's Partners in Excellence are State Street Corporation and K&L Gates.

The first three PIE nights feature conversations with this year's award-winning teachers in each of our AP disciplines – Math, Science, and English.

*Math awards include Calculus, Statistics, and Computer Science AP courses and will be presented on March 4 to:*

- Linda Grimshaw, Leicester High School
- Emily Siegfriedt, Haverhill High School
- Jose Borges, John D. O'Bryant School
- Dan Orszulak, Ware High School
- Segismund Shelby Sharpe, Springfield Central High School

*Science awards include Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Environmental Science AP course and will be presented on March 11 to:*

- Colleen Gleavy, Middleborough High School
- Jennie Portney, Joseph P. Keefe Tech
- Athena Kaouris Vangos, Leicester High School
- Grace Noble, Chelsea High School
- James Louis, TechBoston Academy
- James Gorman, Nipmuc Regional High School

*English awards include Literature and Language AP courses and will be presented on March 18 to:*

- Kalimah Rahim, New Mission High School
- Marisa Cote, Millbury High School
- Gail Holland, Worcester Tech
- Jen Blackburn, Granby High School
- John Wilson, Wareham High School

*The closing ceremony will be presented on March 25 and will feature:*

- Keynote Interview with Kimberly Ellison-Taylor of Oracle
- Presentation of the Lawrie A. Bertram Award to Maureen Melanson, Methuen High School
- Presentation of the Chairman's Award to the Honorable Adrian C. Madaro
- Presentation of the Michael G. Contompasis Leadership Award
- Presentation of the Program Innovation Award to sponsors and teachers in the Science from Home program. The honorees are:
  - Derian Capodagli, Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers
  - Brad Lepak, East Boston High School
  - Ivyrose Likis, Excel High School
  - Angela Lou, John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science
  - Gabriel Mathews, Brighton High School
  - Matt McCarthy, Madison Park Technical Vocational High School
  - Barbara Simon, New Mission High School
  - Amanda Spence, Charlestown High School
  - The Massachusetts Life Sciences Center
  - PTC Foundation

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