

Saco Middle School

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SMS Students Celebrate Teacher Award

Media release

Saco, Maine - October 12, 2013 —

Saco Middle School staff and students assembled Thursday afternoon to celebrate the completion of the New England Common Assessment Program. Read more about NECAP here: <http://www.maine.gov/education/necap/>

Principal Laurie Wood led the assembly, which also featured an award presentation to Saco Middle School Industrial Technology teacher Sam Blunda, who was the recipient of the 2014 Middle Level Teacher Excellence Award by the International Technology & Engineering Educator Association and the Technology & Engineering Educators Association of Maine. The award committee selected Blunda for:

1. His reputation as Saco Middle School's "MacGyver - the "go to guy".
2. His clear sense of what is needed to further the overall STEM education of students.
3. His enthusiasm for innovative instruction and research-based ideas like project-based learning.
4. His exemplary reputation - he is a favorite among SMS students.
5. The joy and confidence students gain from his class.

See attached photos:

1. Principal Laurie Wood presents IT teacher Sam Blunda with 2014 Middle Level Teacher Excellence Award.

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