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## **NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE WASHINGTON STATE EDUCATOR FOR KCTS 9'S GOLDEN APPLE AWARD**

**SEATTLE**— Know an outstanding educator or educational program making a difference in your community? Share their successes with the rest of Washington state by sending in a nomination for **KCTS 9's 22nd Annual Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Education**.

Any person contributing time or services in Washington state schools from pre-K through grade 12 can be nominated. Teachers, administrators, school staff and volunteers, specific education or community programs, and local businesses are all eligible for nomination. Students, parents, teachers and community members can all submit nominations.

"Each and every day, she reminds us students about having passion for the arts. She is the epitome of what every teacher should be," said student Olivia Maassen of theatre instructor Leslie Van Leishout, a 2012 Golden Apple winner.

Nominations can be made online at [KCTS9.org/goldenapple](http://KCTS9.org/goldenapple) or you can request a nomination form by calling 800.766.0900. Nomination forms must be postmarked by **May 6, 2013**. A panel of education leaders from the community and past winners will then select this year's Golden Apple honorees.

Golden Apple Award winners will be honored at ceremonies to be held in Seattle in early 2014. Winners will be profiled by KCTS 9 and receive the Golden Apple trophy and a cash prize. Major Golden Apple sponsor PEMCO Insurance will also award each recipient a \$1,500 grant to support their classroom, school or educational program.

The Golden Apple Awards ceremony will air in primetime on public television stations statewide in February 2014.

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### **About the Golden Apple Awards**

The Golden Apple Awards recognize and honor examples of exceptional teaching and educational innovation in Washington state. Since the first Golden Apple Awards in 1992, KCTS 9 has received nominations citing the achievements of more than 3,000 individuals and programs across Washington, leading to the selection of more than 200 outstanding educators and programs. More than 500 people attended a ceremony at Seattle's Intiman Theater to honor last year's winners, who came from Bellingham, Everson, Lacey, Lakewood, Mount Vernon, Oak Harbor, Seattle, Tacoma, Toppenish, Woodinville, and Yakima.

The Golden Apple Awards are produced by KCTS 9 and funded by PEMCO Insurance, the School Employees Credit Union of Washington, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

### **About KCTS 9**

KCTS 9 brings quality public television programming to 2.7 million viewers each week in Western and Central Washington State, British Columbia and across Canada. To watch or learn more about any of our programs, visit [KCTS9.org](http://KCTS9.org).

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