

Dear Charlene Mauro,

On behalf of the White House Council on Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, I am pleased to announce that you have been selected as a Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators (PIAEE) winner for 2014! Congratulations!

As a PIAEE winner, you will receive a commemorative plaque and an award of \$2,000 to be used to further your professional development in environmental education. Additionally, your local education agency (school) will receive an award of \$2,000 to fund environmental educational activities and programs. In order for us to process your award checks, we will need your school's Tax Identification number. This number is usually 9 digits in length and includes a dash. If you would prefer to contact me via phone, you can reach me at 202-564-9824. It is important that you respond with this information as promptly as possible.

We would also like to gain a better understanding about your professional teaching background. This is meant to better understand what opportunities have helped you to reach this outstanding point in your career as an educator. Ryan Robison, whom you have been in contact with previously, will be getting in touch with you in the next few weeks to talk with you about this.

Summaries of the award winners also will be highlighted on the EPA's Office of Environmental Education PIAEE website at <http://www.epa.gov/education/teacheraward>. We look forward to learning more about your experiences and will be in contact with more details regarding your award funds, recognition materials and the results of the Bartlett Award very soon. If you have any questions, please let me know.

The quality of the applications received is a testament to the great work and innovative approaches that are being used to teach environmental education across the country. Thank you for your continued efforts to use the environment as a context for exploratory and integrated learning. Congratulations!

Sincerely,

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