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DHE Announces Winners of its 1st Annual OER Olympic Awards



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I am pleased to inform you that the Massachusetts Open Educational Resources (OER) Advisory Council has selected the winners of its **first annual OER Olympic Awards**. These awards were established to honor the extensive accomplishments of public higher education's statewide *OER champions*. Winners were selected by a sub-committee of the OER Advisory Council using a rubric to evaluate over twenty-five nominations of outstanding faculty and staff members from public institutions across the Commonwealth.

The Recipients and your respective awards are:

1st Place (Gold) / \$1,000 Prize: Nikolaus Sucher of Roxbury Community College
2nd Place (Silver) / \$750 Prize: Fayette Reynolds of Berkshire Community College
3rd Place (Bronze) / \$500 Prize: Brokk K. Toggerson of UMass Amherst

Honorable Mentions:

William Haynes of Mass. Maritime Academy / \$250 Prize
Sarah Gilleman of Holyoke Community College / \$250 Prize
Amanda Hyde of Greenfield Community College / \$250 Prize

Each winner was judged to have gone above and beyond the call to create, adapt or adopt OER for academic use institutionally, regionally, nationally or internationally. Awards will be presented by the OER Advisory Council at a date to be determined in May 2022. Further, I will contact you about enabling you to receive your honorarium. Congratulations for an honor well-deserved!

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cc: Respective CAOs
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