

## 2009 Anti-Tobacco Advisor of the Year Nominations

Congratulations to our 2009 Anti-Tobacco Advisor of the Year, Jeremy Bousquet of Penquis Valley High School! Read on to see who else was nominated and what people said about them...

### **Barb Ames, Bucksport Step Up or Move Over**

- Barb has helped us become better leaders by being a good role model herself. She's dedicated and shows this by encouraging us to add new people to the group and by asking us our own opinions and what we'd like to do to make progress in the community. She tells people about the group and stands up for people no matter what. We love her dedication and helpfulness.
- **One word:** Inspiring

### **Brandon, Waldo County YAP**

- Brandon has been part of YAP for a long time. He is starting YAP and I think it is good.

### **Carol Tanous, Medway Middle School**

- At school, she can always help anyone. She is awesome. She always supports others ideas. She has helped us get here today. She is nice and friendly and cooperative. She is the best ever. She's epic.
- **One word:** Awesome

### **Heather Webb, Penguins Valley High School Civil Rights Team**

- Heather is the energizer bunny. Always on top of the ball, always efficient, and always watching out for the best of the team. Without her we would not be nearly as closet o where we are now. She simply keeps going and going and going and going...
- **One word:** Determined

### **Josh Pietras, Penquis Valley High School Civil Rights Team**

- Mr. Pietras is the poster child for best advisor. Always willing himself to any cause, selflessly devoting his time and energy and always cheering his students up with a smile. Our school is incredibly lucky to have him.
- **One word:** buff altruist

### **Katie Toole, Ellsworth SHAG**

- She is really awesome. She advises 4 clubs at Ellsworth High School, including SHAG. She promotes leadership and we are glad to have her.
- **One word:** Awesome!

### **Kenney Miller, Ellsworth SHAG**

- For the advisor of the year award most would pick the most outstanding or the most fun or outgoing advisor, but we would like to nominate someone who is truly like no other. He may have not been our head advisor, but he has always been there for us, even if we weren't there. Legit. He's literally been through it all with us, and he has never given up. His unwillingness to let us down has captured our hearts and has helped our mindset on almost anything. We love you Kenney! And thank you for everything.
- **One word:** Fun-guy (with a picture of a mushroom that cannot be adequately represented here...)

### **Kerry Voisen, Valley River Middle School, Youth Voices**

- We would like to do this because she is very nice and she was very responsible and fun on this trip and she put up with us for the six hour bus ride. She is very committed to preventing drug use. And she is the best because she is nice about everything and brought snacks to people.
- **One word:** Inspiring

### **Kevin Dowling, Lincoln Academy Players**

- D is always there for us, not only for Players but as a counselor in school. He is a great leader, but also allows us to come up with our own ideas for advocacy and lets us lead. He is a great provider not only of ideas, but of time and other extracurricular resources (food!) D is very generous and truly cares about us.

- **One word:** Teddy bear

### **Phyl Rubenstein, Deering/Portland SBHC**

- Phyl does everything in her power to see us succeed in whatever we choose to do. She doesn't decide for us what it is the group should do but rather tells us to choose what we feel passionate about. She not only helps us in our weekly meetings but often brings work home with her. She not only gets involved in our work as a group but she cares about how we are doing in every other aspect of our lives and tries helping us if any help or support is needed. Phyl also works with another group like ours and juggles a catering business and family.
- **One word:** Passionate

### **Rebecca Farnham, Freeport/Brunswick/Mt. Ararat YAP**

- Rebecca is new to us this year and she had some huge shoes to fill from our previous director. She came to us ready to go and excited to help our cause. To be an advisor you must find a balance between being a friend and an authority figure. She has achieved this and will continue to be a mentor after we leave high school. But most importantly she gives us her time, the best gift an advisory can give us is undisturbed focused time, and we appreciate her for that.
- **One word:** Motivated

### **Scott Patch, Marshwood High School MASK**

- Mr. Patch is a man who is not controlling. He always helps when we are stuck. He was experience with kids and is not afraid to say he's learned something new. Mr. Patch came to these conferences instead of spending time with his family on my birthday. He helped me through a really tough time when my Grandmother died of lung cancer. But I believe he should be picked because he is under all the qualifications and is a man of hope for the future.
- **One word:** Dedicated/committed

### **Steve Spaeth, Mt. Ararat High School**

- Mr. Spaeth is a brilliant man, especially in his area of specialty of which seems to be technology based, though is great at answering any of our questions to help us with anything he can or provide us with the resources to do so (and how to expand on our own).
- **One word:** Intelligent

### **Tim Shaw, Hampden Academy SADD/Team Voldemort**

- He not only supports young leaders, but also sets a good example
- He provides fun and educational opportunities for our group; without him we would not be as successful
- He goes above and beyond to make sure the students have fun while making a difference in the community
- He is comparable to Dumbledore—Dumbledore died in Harry Potter to be reincarnated as Tim Shaw
- We love Tim Shaw
- He brought us to MYAN in a police van with LIGHTS!
- **One word:** Essential

### **Toby Simon, Loranger Middle School**

- Toby Simon is a very considerate person who works with anti tobacco groups every day. She also has the wonderful job of "District Tobacco Coordinator". She works hard every day to get companies/businesses/people to stop smoking, and to promote anti-tobacco laws. She is very helpful in stopping tobacco use, and I think she deserves the name "Anti-Tobacco Advisor of the Year".
- **One word:** Supportive

### **Tricia Cyr: Stearns High School Strategy Team**

- She's good with all her kids, they listen to her. She is an inspirational leader that tries her best to keep things fun and interesting. She is an asset to the community and we love her!
- Trish is a volunteer mother who always puts time in for her students.

- **One word:** Flamboyant, fabulous