



## NSBA Student Recognition Award Luncheon

The 2009 luncheon took place on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at the Atlantica Hotel Halifax (formerly the Holiday Inn Select) in Halifax. Approximately 65 people (an increase of 15 over 2008) were in attendance and awards were presented as follows:

School	Student	Director
Auburn Drive High School	Ryan McShane	Meg Richardson
Bedford Junior High School	James Hannah	David Burt
Bridgeport Junior High School	Brittany MacLean	Barb Stetter
Charles P. Allen High School	Ross Chiasson	Nathan Beeler
Coldbrook and District School	Justin Murphy	Caitlin Quinton
Ellenvale Junior High School	Kathryn LeBlanc	Shelagh LeBlanc
Glace Bay High School	David Crosby	Barb Stetter
G. R. Saunders Elementary School	Luke Knock	Patricia Alecce
Halifax Grammar School	Mark Flowerdew	Dawn Hatfield
Kings County Academy	Jonathon Dionne	Paul Hutten
Leslie Thomas Junior High School	Jessica Hillary West	Martin Chandler
Madeline Symonds Middle School	Courtney Earle	Dina Burt
Morrison Junior High School	Victoria Jewells	Noelle Wadden
Musquodoboit Rural High School	Charity Harnish	Diane Clarke
Sackville Heights Junior High School	Jessie Holman	Jason Balcom
South Colchester Academy	Janet O'Brien	Holly Hartlen
St. Andrew Junior School	Emily Wesley	Helen Bannerman
St. Michael Junior High School	Taylor Cameron	Noelle Wadden
Tamarac Education Centre	Nicole MacEachern	Leslie Smith
Valley Elementary School	Alexander DeShaw	Lorna Letcher
West Hants Middle School	Kelsey Van Blarcom	Kay Greene

President Mark Hopkins brought greetings from the NSBA and assisted in the presentation of awards. Band directors in attendance presented the awards to their deserving student musicians and at the suggestion of Mark said a few words about the deserving recipient - a nice touch and one that should be kept.

Guest speaker Melanie Kennedy, Drama and Music Teacher at Auburn Drive High School, left us with a new appreciation for Bon Jovi and anger management and the message that we must each find our song. We thank Melanie for sharing her message with us and her very special letter.

### Budget

The goal is to operate the luncheon on a break even basis; however, a small surplus is desirable as the facility is complimentary if the food and beverage is more than \$1100, \$700-\$1,099 the room rental is \$237.50, and less than \$699 the room rental is \$475. We never know what the food and beverage bill will be as we don't know how many people will attend.



The 2009 luncheon finished with a surplus of \$365.44 - last year we had a surplus of \$238.12.

<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>2,850.00</b>
Banquet Lunch - Food	1,212.80
Banquet Gratuity	181.92
Banquet HST	181.31
Banquet Lunch - Beverage	101.25
Banquet Gratuity	15.19
Banquet HST	15.14
Plaques	569.60
Plaques HST	74.05
Canada Post	11.77
Canada Post HST	1.53
Honourarium for guest speaker	100.00
Photo Supplies	20.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>2,484.56</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>365.44</b>

### Suggestions for 2010

- The Executive should set a date for next year's event at the NSMEA Conference so the event and date can be promoted at the Conference.
- The date of the event is tricky – too soon in the spring and we run into winter weather, track & field, band festivals, band trips, etc. – too late and we run into exams. I would suggest the second Friday in May or the last Friday in April.
- The teacher substitute code should be the same as the one used for the Nova Scotia School Athletic (NSSAF) Banquet.

### Final Thoughts

This was the second annual NSBA Student Award luncheon after a one year hiatus. The event is back on track and we need to continue to build on this success. We were again able to hold the event during school time. We need to continue to educate school administrators that the NSBA Luncheon is of the same importance as the NSSAF Banquet (Nova Scotia School Athletic Federation) and that the school should cover the costs of the Luncheon and the music teacher's substitute.

Respectfully submitted,

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