

**Faculty Center for Excellence in Teaching  
Resolution to the WVSU Faculty Senate  
2013 Teacher of the Year**

**10/11/13**

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**WHEREAS**, skillful, enthusiastic, and innovative teachers improve the lives of our students by encouraging curiosity and understanding and by contributing to the development of mind and spirit; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Faculty Center for Excellence in Teaching (FACET) Teacher of the Year* is the only award at West Virginia State University that recognizes teaching excellence by students and fellow faculty members

**WHEREAS**, The recipient(s) of the FACET Teacher of the Year have been chosen by a selection committee after being nominated, accepting the nomination, and submitting a teaching portfolio in accordance with the stated requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the WVSU faculty, staff, and administration have long supported excellence in teaching; and

**WHEREAS**, the recipient(s) have shown that he/she truly goes above and beyond expectations of faculty in the classroom and out; and

**WHEREAS**, the quality of life and the scope of opportunity for many future citizens of will be determined by the quality of teaching in the classroom; and therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Faculty Senate of West Virginia State University commends the co-recipients, **Dr. Jessica Barnes-Pietruszynski**, Asst. professor of English, and **Dr. Michael Fultz**, Asst. Professor of Chemistry, at upon being named the *2013 FACET Outstanding Teacher of the Year* and recommends awarding them with a trophy and cash prize.