

**Beverly Ann Chin from Missoula, Montana,
Honored with 2015 Richard W. Halle Teaching Award**

Urbana, IL – August 1, 2015 – Beverly Ann Chin from Missoula, Montana, has been named the winner of the 2015 Richard W. Halle Award for Outstanding Middle Level Educator, given by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE).

Established in 1996, this award honors a junior high school/middle level educator who has worked to promote understanding of the developmental needs and characteristics of young adolescents, especially in the English language arts. The award recognizes the contributions of middle level educator Richard Halle of Marshfield, Wisconsin.

Chin is chair of the English Department and director of the English Teaching Program at the University of Montana and former director of the Montana Writing Project. She has more than 35 years of experience as an English language arts teacher, adult education instructor, and teacher educator and consults nationally and internationally on English language arts standards, curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

Chin is a past president of NCTE, former board member of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, and served as the senior project consultant for the 2011 Writing Framework for National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). In 2012, Chin received the NCTE Distinguished Service Award.

The award criteria define a “middle level educator” as anyone who has worked to improve schools and schooling for the junior high school/middle level—teacher, principal, curriculum specialist, or supervisor as well as anyone at the university or college level. Nominees encourage a spirit of inquiry and development of critical and creative thinking within the profession; show evidence of exemplary professional involvement, including participation in activities such as workshops, curriculum development, and association programs and projects; connect classroom with community; foster the development of literacy education at the middle level; and promote research on the middle level student.

Chin will be announced as the recipient of the Richard W. Halle Award for Outstanding Middle Level Educator at the Middle Level Get-Together on Thursday, November 19, during the 2015 NCTE Annual Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

For more information about the NCTE Richard W. Halle Award for Outstanding Middle Level Educator, including previous winners, see <http://www.ncte.org/awards/halle>.

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