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# Quinte Mohawk teacher educator of year

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A longtime teacher at Quinte Mohawk School has been named the Sir Mackenzie Bowell Educator of the Year for 2005.

Linda Brant, who has taught for 34 years in Tyendinaga Territory, received the honour at the special time — the 75th anniversary of the award, which is given out in various areas of the province

Educator of the Year was started by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation in 1930.

She was selected by a committee consisting of representatives from Albert and Loyalist Colleges, Christian schools, Sir James Whitney, the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board and Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte.



LINDA BRANDT

"I am honoured to have been chosen to receive the Sir Mackenzie Bowell Award, for Educator of the Year," Brant said, in a statement. "I have always considered my career as an educator to be a blessing in my life. Reading and the teaching of reading are two of my greatest passions, so I am especially thrilled that I was chosen in this year with the theme Read to Succeed."

Besides teaching, Brant has been involved in extracurricular activities. They include leading dance classes, coaching the chess club, sewing costumes for children and making decorations for Grade 8 graduation ceremonies.

She has been a leading innovator in classroom methods and techniques within the computer lab, by advising colleagues and first-year teachers and by working diligently on curriculum development projects.

The nomination letters painted a picture of a woman who was determined to make a difference.

"She entered the teaching profession at a time when few native women could overcome racial barriers to pursue higher education. She was one of the few native teachers in reserve schools in Canada at the time."