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Bend La Pine School District Physical Education Teacher Honored with SHAPE America Mabel Lee Award

RESTON, VA, April 1, 2016 – Collin Brooks of R.E. Jewell Elementary School in Bend will receive the Mabel Lee Award from SHAPE America – Society of Health and Physical Educators at its 131st National Convention & Expo in Minneapolis, April 5-9. The organization gives the award annually to younger members who have demonstrated outstanding potential in scholarship, teaching and/or professional leadership. Brooks and three other honorees will be recognized on Thursday, April 7, during the Professional Excellence Awards Ceremony.

“The work of these honorees is integral to SHAPE America’s goals, mission and identity, particularly as we continue to raise the bar for the profession and strive to maintain high expectations for the standards and quality of professionals teaching health and physical education,” says SHAPE America President Steve Jefferies, professor emeritus, Central Washington University.

Brooks, a teacher in Bend for eight years, is actively involved in the health and physical education professions on the local, state, district and national levels and is well known in the world of social media. Ask nearly anyone in the profession and chances are they will have participated or know someone who has participated in the 24-hour online professional conference known as the #PhysEdSummit. As the co-founder, Brooks helped grow the virtual professional development event to become one of the most highly anticipated opportunities of the year.

“Collin’s work helps to engage young professionals who are used to doing things online as well as encourages the older generation to embrace all that technology has to offer,” says Paul Clinton, Northwest District president.

Additionally, he is the past president of Oregon SHAPE and a member of SHAPE America’s Northwest District Leadership Council, where he developed a webinar series surrounding legislative issues and advocacy workshops hosted in the district. His other leadership activities include his role as a trainer of both the Physical Activity Leader (PAL) Learning System and Oregon’s Comprehensive School Physical Activity Program.

On the national level, Brooks is the co-host of SHAPE America's first ever professional development podcast series and is also the co-host of the PHYSEDagogy Podcast. He is also a frequent contributor to PHYSEDagogy.com, a blog dedicated to best practices in PE. The award-winning educator is currently a candidate for the SHAPE America Board of Directors.

The educator was a Bend La Pine School District Teacher of the Year Finalist and was awarded the district's Excellence in Education Award. Under his leadership, R.E. Jewell Elementary School was recognized as a former National Association for Sport and Physical Education STARS School for excellence in physical education.

The National Board Certified Teacher received a bachelor's degree in exercise sports science from Oregon State University (OSU) as well as a master's degree in Physical Education Teacher Education, with an endorsement in adapted physical education from OSU.

About SHAPE America

SHAPE America – Society of Health and Physical Educators is the nation's largest membership organization of health and physical education professionals. Since its founding in 1885, the organization has defined excellence in physical education, and our National Standards for K-12 Physical Education serve as the foundation for well-designed physical education programs across the country. We provide programs, resources and advocacy to support health and physical educators at every level, from preschool to university graduate programs.

SHAPE America has 50 state affiliates and is a founding partner of national initiatives such as the Presidential Youth Fitness Program, Let's Move! Active Schools and the Jump Rope For Heart/Hoops For Heart programs. "50 Million Strong by 2029" is our commitment to empower all children to lead healthy and active lives through health and physical education programs. For more information, visit <http://www.shapeamerica.org>.

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