Elizabeth Palmer Peabody Award

Ms. Peabody is best known as a teacher and educational reformer, and more specifically as the mother of kindergarten in America. Inspired by the work and philosophies of Friedrich Froebel, she established the first kindergarten in Boston in 1860. Ms. Peabody was also a popular instructor in training courses for kindergarten teachers, and it was she who encouraged a young Lucy Wheelock to enroll in one of those training courses. Miss Lucy Wheelock was always extremely proud that Elizabeth Palmer Peabody’s signature was on her diploma, certifying her to teach young children. It has been written about Ms. Peabody that she “had a particular affinity for finding unity amidst all kinds of diversity – social, cultural, historical, aesthetic, and linguistic – and above all a powerful drive to express her philosophical idealism in concrete ways.” To honor Lucy Wheelock’s mentor, a woman whose dreams are so well reflected at Wheelock College, the Alumni Association will present this award annually to an alumna/us of a graduate program at the College who reflects Ms. Peabody’s commitment to diversity and education, and the values of Wheelock College.

Purpose: To recognize and honor the work of one alumna/us who has completed post-graduate work at Wheelock College.

Criteria: Recipient must have completed a graduate or post-baccalaureate certificate program at Wheelock College. The recipient’s professional or volunteer work should exemplify the mission of Wheelock College: “to improve the quality of life for children and families; as well as a demonstrated commitment to finding unity in all types of diversity.

Deadline: Applications should be returned to the Alumni Relations Office by the end of February. Applications can be submitted through mail, fax, or email (see below). The Award will be presented at Wheelock’s Alumni Symposium.

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Name of Person Nominating: _______________________________________________________

E-mail Address: __________________________________________________________________

Telephone (Day):________________________ (Evening):________________________

Is there another person who knows the nominee and can provide additional information?

Name: ____________________________________________ Class Year (if applicable):__________

E-mail Address: _________________________________________________________________

Telephone (Day):________________________ (Evening):________________________
Name of Nominee: ___________________________  Class Year: ___________

E-mail Address: _______________________________________________________

Telephone (Day): __________________________ (Evening): _______________________

Preferred Address: _______________________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________ Zip: ___________

Nominee’s Position or Title: _____________________________________________

Is this position salaried or on a volunteer basis? _____________________________

Please describe the reasons you are nominating the person listed. Be sure to include relevant professional and/or volunteer work the nominee has undertaken. Explain how the work of the nominee impacts the lives of children and/or families and shows dedication to unity in all types of diversity (use additional sheets if necessary).

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Please list or attach any outstanding accomplishments and/or awards of the nominee.

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