Rangeview High School Instructor Named Best in State

More than 2,100 Rangeview High School students jumped to their feet after learning that one of their teachers is the best in the state. State Education Commissioner Robert Hammond named social studies teacher Amanda Westenberg as the 2013 Colorado Teacher of the Year. Westenberg will now compete for the national title.

“Every single person has a favorite teacher,” said Westenberg. “This award shows how teachers build on the lives of their students. I really believe this is a moment to honor the entire teaching profession.”

Westenberg was selected for the honor based on her expertise, the student achievement results she receives from her classroom instruction and her ability to inspire students.

As Teacher of the Year, Westenberg will get many professional development opportunities through the National Teacher of the Year program, will attend a ceremony at the White House and will go to space camp for a week.

The Colorado Legacy Foundation, along with Adams State College, SMART Technologies, Colorado Free Masons and Blue Bell Ice Cream will provide support to Westenberg to allow her time to be gone from Rangeview and attend these events and speaking engagements.

American Education Week: Nov. 11-17

Aurora Public Schools will join districts across the nation to celebrate American Education Week, Nov. 11-17. This week is a celebration of public education and recognition of individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education.

American Education Week is sponsored by the National Education Association and is celebrated the first full week before Thanksgiving.

From left, APS Superintendent John L. Barry, Colorado Teacher of the Year Amanda Westenberg and Colorado Department of Education Commissioner Robert Hammond.