Aurora Public Schools staff members work hard each day to make a positive impact on every student who walks through our doors. Throughout the summer, several of these dedicated educators earned recognition from local and national organizations for their commitment to help students accelerate learning and achieve at higher levels. Check out the highlights:

**Steve Clagg**
APS Chief Information Officer Steve Clagg earned the Colorado Association of School Executives 2014 CALET Outstanding Technology Administrator award for his commitment to technology in education. In addition, the Consortium for School Networking inducted Clagg into their 2014 Volunteer Hall of Fame in appreciation of his noteworthy contributions to the Colorado Association of Leaders in Educational Technology.

**Clayton Ellis**
The Colorado Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (COAHPERD) recently honored Ellis, a physical education teacher at Aurora Central High School, with the Honor award. The recognition honors exemplary dedication to promoting active and healthy lifestyles. Honor award recipients significantly contribute to COAHPERD by giving generously of their time and talents.

**Jennifer Ebbe Handy**
Aurora Frontier K-8’s Ebbe Handy earned the COAHPERD Colorado Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year award, which provides recognition to individuals who have demonstrated continuous dedication to the advocacy and enhancement of student learning in physical education in the state.

**Starla Sieveke-Pearson**
COAHPERD honored Sieveke-Pearson as Principal of the Year for her work at Aurora Frontier K-8. Although Sieveke-Pearson recently transitioned from Frontier into another administrative position in APS, her passion for developing strong, innovative physical education programs has been a staple of her career in education.

**Kenny Webb**
Webb, Instructional Coordinator for Physical Education and the Arts, earned COAHPERD’s Health Educator of the Year award. His leadership in the development of 5th Gear Kids has helped to leverage other physical education opportunities for APS students.