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## **Spaulding Youth Center Celebrates End-of-Year Field Day and Academic Awards Ceremony**

**Northfield, NH** – Spaulding Youth Center is pleased to announce it recently held its annual Spaulding Field Day to celebrate another successful end to the traditional school year. Students and staff enjoyed a hot summer day filled with exciting outdoor activities, such as potato sack races, a water balloon toss, corn hole games, gaga ball pit, egg and spoon races, slip and slide, and more.



Everyone on campus looks forward to this seasonal event which is full of friendly competition, comradery and old-fashioned fun. After switching between activity stations throughout the field day, students were awarded with a commemorative medal to emphasize the significant achievements throughout the year and throughout this special day.



Students and staff also celebrated the end of the school year at the organization's Academic Awards Ceremony. This celebration is the culmination of all academic and personal successes students achieved throughout the year and many families and friends join us on campus to participate in this inspirational afternoon. Spaulding students were recognized for their academic efforts and accomplishments, receiving trophies for:

- Elementary Student of the Year
- Middle School Student of the Year



- High School Student of the Year
- Elementary Most Improved Student of the Year
- Middle School Most Improved Student of the Year
- High School Most Improved Student of the Year

This year, two students were also recognized for their creative writing talents. These students received awards for their original short stories that were submitted to the 2019 NHPBS Kids Writers Contest.

Spaulding staff also received acknowledgements for their outstanding work. The honorees this year included:

- Teacher of the Year: Theresa Hemmer
- Related Service Provider of the Year: Linda Pletch
- Teaching Associate of the Year: Michael Freeman
- Support Staff of the Year: Michael Schaffnit

“Our annual Field Day and Academic Awards Ceremony are two events that are especially exciting for everyone on campus,” said Susan C. Ryan, President & CEO of Spaulding Youth Center. “Both events serve as a celebration of the hard work our students and staff have demonstrated throughout the school year. I am so proud of the achievements our students have made in the last year and grateful to have such dedicated staff members who truly believe in these extraordinary children.”

## ABOUT SPAULDING YOUTH CENTER

Spaulding Youth Center is a leading provider of services for children and youth with neurological, emotional, behavioral, learning and/or developmental challenges, including Autism Spectrum Disorder and those who have experienced significant trauma, abuse or neglect. Services include academic, behavioral health, residential, foster care, health and wellness and family support. Spaulding Youth Center is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit. For information about Spaulding Youth Center, visit [www.spauldingyouthcenter.org](http://www.spauldingyouthcenter.org).



*From L to R: Collen Sliva, School Principal & Special Education Director; Michael Freeman, Teaching Associate of the Year*

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