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Honors for Albany teachers

The City School District of Albany has the most highly qualified teachers in the city, and two events this spring underscored that.

Three elementary teachers earned certification through the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Montessori Magnet School third-grade teacher **Maggie Fuller**, Ed.D., North Albany Academy first-grade teacher **Betsy Nigro Cushing** and Thomas O'Brien Academy of Science and Technology (TOAST) fifth-grade teacher **Betsy Tanenhaus** were among 93 teachers statewide earning the prestigious certification.

Albany High School teachers scored a clean sweep in June of the top three spots in the 2009 *Times Union* reader survey, "Best of the Capital Region."

Tom McGurn, **Chris Brown** and **Tom Healey** finished 1-2-3 in voting for "Best High School Teacher."

"Lots of students voted for many of their favorites in this contest," the newspaper wrote. "In the end, the kids from Albany High put their teachers on top, with veteran history teacher Thomas McGurn pulling into the lead by a few votes."



Best of the best: Albany High history teacher Tom McGurn.