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## **The James A. Kelly Award**

The James A. Kelly Award for Advancing Accomplished Teaching is named for James A. Kelly, Founding President and CEO of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Since its inception in 1999, the James A. Kelly Award has recognized and honors individuals who have contributed to the advancement of accomplished teaching. Reflecting the legacy of James A. Kelly, the award honors individuals who embody the following traits:

- A deep-seated belief in the inherent right of all children to a quality education;
- A professional life dedicated to improving education for teachers and their students;
- A passionate commitment to improving teaching and learning in America;
- Unwavering dedication to the professional integrity and competence of teachers;
- Visionary and boundless energy, eternal optimism, and expert leadership;
- An innate capacity to inspire collaboration and mobilize support that enabled unparalleled achievements in the history of American education reform; and
- A clear vision coupled with steadfast commitment and fierce determination which has led to historic milestones in American education and meaningful impact on teaching and learning.

## **Award Recipients**

- James A. Kelly, 1999
- President Bill Clinton, 2001
- Edward B. Rust, 2002
- Senator Arlen Specter, 2005
- Gov. Roy Barnes, 2009
- Linda Darling-Hammond, 2009
- Gov. Ted Strickland, 2011
- Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., 2014
- Secretary Richard Riley, 2014
- Barbara Kelley, 2014
- Terry Holliday, 2015
- Ronald Thorpe, 2016
- Michael Kirst, 2017
- President Barack Obama, 2018
- Former U.S. Senator Herb Kohl, 2019
- Mary Hatwood Futrell, 2020
- Barnett Berry, 2021