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Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau Educator Wins Award Maeve McEneny receives Partners in Education Award

Albany, NY – The Capital District Council for the Social Studies will award Maeve McEneny, Education Coordinator for the Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau the Partners in Education Award at their annual dinner and awards ceremony at the Van Schaick Island Country Club, Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

McEneny, a history buff, teaches grades K-12 at the Visitors Center, introducing students to the fascinating history of Albany, the Hudson Valley, and beyond. She focuses on interactive lessons that give students the opportunity to put themselves in the roles of archaeologist, architect, crew members aboard Henry Hudson's boat, or early Dutch settlers. In 2015, McEneny created a special event for the Capital District Council for the Social Studies to promote local history. The tour, which focused on the Fourth Amendment in Albany, garnered more new members than any one event all year, and was so successful that it was added to the organization's annual conference.

"Ms. McEneny's enthusiasm and energy for local history is infectious and we hope to continue to partner with her and others like her to continue to rejuvenate active participation in our organization," says Thomas Michalek, Vice President of Programming for Capital District Council for the Social Studies. "This award is our small way of saying 'thank you.'"

"We're very proud of Maeve's achievement, and we feel very privileged to have her on our team," says Michele Vennard, President and CEO of the Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau. "Our Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center is a tremendous public resource. Last year, with Maeve's help, we worked with 5,500 local school children, introducing them to our rich local history, and providing them with hands-on lessons in architecture, astronomy, archaeology, social studies, and geography."

"The best part is being able to share these tours with a group who love history as much as I do," says Maeve McEneny. "The award is an honor, but I'm looking forward to more collaboration with CDCSS. Keep an eye on us!"

About the ACCVB

The Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc. was established in 1976 to promote the civic and commercial progress of the community through increased development of conventions and tourism. ACCVB currently represents more than 300 member businesses and assists each year in hundreds of regional meetings. ACCVB also operates the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center, Henry Hudson Planetarium, and the Albany International Airport Information Center. For more information, call 518-434-1217 or 800-258-3582 or visit www.albany.org.