

Dr. Michael Johnson  
Commissioner



Department of Education  
and Early Development

www.Education.Alaska.Gov

Juneau, Alaska

STATE OF ALASKA

PRESS RELEASE

**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**December 17, 2019**

### **North Pole Teacher Rebecca Missler Receives Milken Educator Award**

NORTH POLE – Rebecca Missler, a science teacher at North Pole High School in North Pole, has received the 2019-20 Alaska Milken Educator Award, a prestigious national recognition. Missler, who was honored in a surprise ceremony this morning at her school, will receive a \$25,000 award.

“Rebecca Missler has consistently demonstrated a commitment to her students by going above and beyond to infuse new, creative, and relevant lessons into the classroom,” said Alaska Education and Early Development Commissioner and 2008 Milken Educator Award recipient Dr. Michael Johnson. “Rebecca’s dedication to personalized learning and her innovative hands-on science curriculum have inspired student engagement and success. She brings enthusiasm and service to her classroom and colleagues, and is well-deserving of this prestigious recognition.”

Missler earned her bachelor of science degree in geology from Lake Superior State University and her master’s degree in geology from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Blue ribbon committees in participating states review candidates for the Milken Family Foundation. Milken recipients are chosen for their educational talent, educational accomplishments beyond the classroom, potential for professional and policy leadership, and an engaging and inspiring presence.

For more information about the Milken Family Foundation visit [www.mff.org](http://www.mff.org). For North Pole High School, contact Principal John Fink at (907) 488-3761.

###

**Media Contact:** [Rochelle Lindley](mailto:Rochelle.Lindley@ed.gov), Information Officer, (907) 465-6535

