

2003 League Apple Award Recipients

Deb Hare, formerly a teacher at the Wilbur Cross High School in New Haven, has worked in conjunction with the CAPA Shubert Theater since 1998 and is currently involved in an eight week arts and education program. Ms. Hare's teaching philosophy offers her students a creative approach to literature, along with engaging and challenging them with her "out of the box" teaching methods. From the beginning, Deb played an integral role with the Shubert in the development of three projects: The Civil War, Art, and Proof. Through these programs her students have had the opportunity to create a public exhibition of their artwork, attend their first live theatrical performance, and learn that students from other communities are just like them. Deb Hare is an educator who allows her students to dream, believe in the impossible, and in themselves.

Dona Beard, a teacher at Park Middle School in Lincoln, Nebraska, and Ann Shrewsbury, Time Warner Cable, have worked with the Lied Center throughout the last two performance seasons. Dona Beard and Ann Shrewsbury are being recognized for their involvement in planning two Broadway Immersion Projects with the Lied Center for Performing Arts involving the national tours of Ragtime and Riverdance. The first project involved 7th and 8th grade Park Middle School drama students in the 2000/2001 season with the production of Ragtime. An "Immersion Day" hosted activities such as a pre-show reception, a post show discussion with cast members, and a workshop that included mock auditions, improvisations, and vocal music selections. The second project took place during the 2001/2002 season. This project involved 7th and 8th grade students and teachers from Park Middle School who participate in the Riverdance Immersion Project. In preparation, students watched segments of Riverdance, and discussed how different dance and choreographic styles both reflect and express culture. The day of the performance was similar to that of Ragtime, with lead dancers from Riverdance providing a hands-on workshop at the school.