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Margery “Margie” Daniels Named Neag School of Education Alumni Board’s 2023 Outstanding Professional

STORRS, CT (March 13, 2023) – Margie Daniels has been named the 2023 Outstanding Professional by the University of Connecticut’s Neag School of Education Alumni Board. Daniels was formally recognized at the Neag School’s 25th annual Alumni Awards Celebration on Saturday, March 11, 2023.

Daniels earned her bachelor’s degree in special education from UConn’s Neag School of Education in 1971. For the past 15 years, she has been the executive director of Massachusetts Partnerships for Youth (MPY) in Wakefield, Massachusetts. In that role, Daniels is responsible for managing a nonprofit organization’s programmatic and fiscal operations, providing more than 250 school districts and community agencies with professional development activities in mental and behavioral health, social and emotional learning, and anti-racism.

“Through Ms. Daniels’ leadership and vision, Massachusetts Partnerships has thrived and grown, now serving more than 250 public school districts, collaboratives, private schools, and other entities in Massachusetts,” says nominator Anthony Pierantozzi, superintendent of Nahant Public Schools. “Her experiences growing up and being educated in an urban environment (New Haven, Connecticut) gives her an appreciation of the challenges of institutional racism and the impact on student success.”

“It is indeed rare for a professional working in the public sector to demonstrate unparalleled success and impact for as long as Ms. Daniels’ career documents,” says Pierantozzi.

Daniels also is an adjunct professor at the C. Louis Cedrone International Education Center at Framingham State University. She previously served as the assistant superintendent for pupil services for Newton Public Schools, director of special services for Lynnfield Public Schools, and director of special education for Georgetown Public Schools, all in Massachusetts. Daniels began her education career in 1971 as a Title 1 teacher in Lawrence, Massachusetts. In addition to educational licenses in

Massachusetts, Daniels is a licensed independent clinical social worker (LICSW) and has had a private practice serving individuals and families for more than 25 years.

“Ms. Daniels is a role model for her students,” says nominator Joyce Fahey, director of graduate studies at Framingham State University. “She typifies patience and **appreciation** for diversity, encourages listening, and provides a safe classroom learning environment. She is organized, creative, an energetic instructor, a capable and thoughtful collaborator, and someone who can be trusted to make conscientious decisions.”

This award annually honors a graduate of UConn’s Neag School of Education who demonstrates excellence and has made significant contributions to their profession.

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The Neag School of Education stands out as a major contributor to instructional and research excellence at the University of Connecticut, one of the nation’s leading public higher education institutions. With academic departments dedicated to educational leadership, educational psychology, and curriculum and instruction, the Neag School offers programs in such areas as school psychology; sport management; higher education and student affairs; counseling; and teacher and administrator preparation. According to 2023 U.S. News & World Report rankings, the Neag School continues to rank among the top 20 public graduate schools of education in the nation. Learn more at education.uconn.edu.