



# Honors & Awards



## Ashoka Changemaker School

RCS is an active part of the Ashoka Changemaker Network. We are one of 44 schools across the country to have this honor, because we are committed to addressing the needs of our community through developing empathy, teamwork, problem-solving and leadership skills in our students.



## Odyssey of the Mind

Odyssey of the Mind is a creativity competition, designed to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. One of our Odyssey of the Mind teams was the 2015 Regional Winners and represented Rainbow Community School well at the state level.



## Green School of Excellence

The NC Green Schools Program strives to recognize and encourage schools that practice sustainability. RCS has held this award since 2013, consistently tackling all five parts of the application rubric each year. The rubric consists of 1) Culture & Community, 2) School Sustainability, 3) Healthy Schools, 4) Curriculum Integration and 5) Innovation.

## Leavey Award

6th grade teacher, Jenny Armocida, was the class of 2015 Meritorious Recipient of the Leavey Award from the Freedom Foundation in Washington, D.C. The foundation awards educators for innovative entrepreneurship programs. Rainbow Community School receives \$15,000, and Jenny presented about the entrepreneurship curriculum at a national conference in New Orleans in November 2015.



## Green Ribbon School

The national "Green Ribbon Schools" award program strives to develop children to their full potential by reconnecting them with the wonders of playing and learning in nature. RCS has held this award from 2012-2014.



## PTO Parent Group of the Year

PTO Today is a nationally recognized magazine that highlights parent-teacher organizations and their service to schools. The RCS Parent Council was recognized by PTO Today as the Runner-up Parent Group of the Year for Outstanding Parent Group at a Private School, highlighting Parent Council's environmental impact by selling green picnic kits.



Heartfelt thanks  
for voting!



## Science & Technology Program



Preschool  
1st Place



Music Teacher  
1st Place



Best School  
2nd Place



Art Program  
2nd Place

# 2014-15 Summit Goals

<p><b>1. CHANGEMAKERS</b></p> <p>Rainbow Community School is a local and global resource for best practices in building a community of changemakers.</p>	<p><b>2. SERVICE LEARNING</b></p> <p>Rainbow Community School educates about systemic change and process through service learning projects.</p>	<p><b>3. ALUMNI</b></p> <p>Rainbow Community School develops and maintains alumni connections, which benefit both the alumni and the school.</p>
<p><b>4. GLOBAL/INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS</b></p> <p>RCS provides opportunities across all grades for international learning to foster international mindedness and identification with the self as an empowered person and a member of a larger, global community.</p>	<p><b>5. DIVERSITY &amp; INCLUSION</b></p> <p>Our community is passionate about diversity from the standpoint of culture and justice.</p>	<p><b>6. SPIRIT &amp; CONSCIOUSNESS</b></p> <p>We, as the Rainbow community, deepen our awareness of who we are as a spiritual community and align ourselves with the Source of our values and mission in everything we do.</p>
<p><b>7. ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP</b></p> <p>We are aware of our communion with nature and our children act individually and collaboratively to deepen and protect this profound connection.</p>	<p><b>8. ARTS AT RCS</b></p> <p>We provide facilities that contain, facilitate and showcase the immense creativity of our program.</p>	<p><b>9. TECHNOLOGY &amp; ENGINEERING</b></p> <p>Technology supports creativity, communication, global experience and connection based on best practices in a developmentally appropriate format.</p>
<p><b>10. SHARING THE RAINBOW MODEL</b></p> <p>Rainbow Community School will lead the educational community and public as a whole by sharing and replicating its model of holistic and progressive education.</p>	<p><b>11. BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b></p> <p>The Rainbow Community School buildings and grounds reflect our values; they do not merely contain our work with children, they uplift it. The environment is our teacher.</p>	<p><b>12. COMMUNITY CENTER/SERVICES &amp; COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS</b></p> <p>RCS is valued as a key member of the Asheville community as a result of its collaborative initiatives to expand and enhance the concept of holistic education and living to include the families of RCS and the kindred organizations of Asheville and elsewhere.</p>
<p><b>13. FUNDRAISING &amp; FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP</b></p> <p>Rainbow Community School dives deep into discovering innovative methods to align our funding and fundraising with our values.</p>	<p><b>14. FAMILY &amp; PARENT SUPPORT</b></p> <p>We enrich the lives of our families with many opportunities for personal development, family support, and connection with others and with the natural world.</p>	<p><b>15. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING</b></p> <p>Document the success of Rainbow Community School's educational programming through objective data.</p>