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[kzambon@aaas.org](mailto:kzambon@aaas.org)**AAAS and Crossroads Academy Announce 2012 Fellows**

Washington D.C.—Peter Faletra of Crossroads Academy has been named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Election as an AAAS Fellow is an honor bestowed upon AAAS members by their peers.

This year 702 members have been awarded this honor by AAAS because of their scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications. New Fellows will be presented with an official certificate and a gold and blue (representing science and engineering, respectively) rosette pin on Saturday, 16 February from 8 to 10 a.m. at the AAAS Fellows Forum during the 2013 AAAS Annual Meeting in Boston, Mass.

This year's AAAS Fellows will be formally announced in the AAAS News & Notes section of the journal *Science* on 30 November 2012.

As part of the section on general interest in science and engineering, Peter Faletra was elected as an AAAS Fellow for distinguished contributions as a mentor during 25 years of teaching and for contributions to plant tissue culture as a means to help advance efforts in restoration programs for critically endangered plants.

The tradition of AAAS Fellows began in 1874. Currently, members can be considered for the rank of Fellow if nominated by the steering groups of the Association's 24 sections, or by any three Fellows who are current AAAS members (so long as two of the three sponsors are not affiliated with the nominee's institution), or by the AAAS chief executive officer.

Each steering group then reviews the nominations of individuals within its respective section and a final list is forwarded to the AAAS Council, which votes on the aggregate list.

The Council is the policymaking body of the Association, chaired by the AAAS president, and consisting of the members of the board of directors, the retiring section chairs, delegates from each electorate and each regional division, and two delegates from the National Association of Academies of Science.

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**About Crossroads Academy:**

Founded in 1991 by Mary Beth Klee, Crossroads Academy is an independent, coeducational day school for students in grades kindergarten through eight. Crossroads sequential, classic curriculum is based on the Core Knowledge philosophy as developed by E.D. Hirsch, and the Core Virtues Program, a character education program created by our founding head. Head of School Jean Behnke says, "Our practices and our campus support our engaging and experienced faculty in delivering these two programs to our student body. Upon graduation, our students attend the finest public and private high schools in New England."

In 2004, Crossroads was accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), whose visiting committee noted, “Students at Crossroads Academy appear happy to be there...(they are) actively engaged in their work with a sense of fun, respect, curiosity and enthusiasm.”

Crossroads enrolls approximately 140 students from a fifty-mile radius of Upper Valley communities including Lyme, Hanover, Canaan, Orford, Lebanon, Piermont, Monroe, Grantham, Newport, Enfield, Grafton, Warren, and Canaan in New Hampshire, and Norwich, Thetford, Randolph, Windsor, Fairlee, Bradford, Topsham, White River Junction, Vershire, Woodstock, and South Pomfret in Vermont.

For more information about Crossroads Academy, please visit [www.crossroadsacademy.org](http://www.crossroadsacademy.org)

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