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The New England First Amendment Coalition

**New England First Amendment Luncheon
2015 Antonia Orfield Citizenship Award**



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Nomination Deadline February 1, 2015

The New England First Amendment Coalition honors each year individuals who have promoted and defended the First Amendment throughout the region. During its annual luncheon, the coalition presents several awards, including the Antonia Orfield Citizenship Award.

NEFAC's First Amendment Luncheon

February 20, 2015
12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Seaport Hotel
1 Seaport Lane in Boston, Mass.

The Antonia Orfield Citizenship Award is given to an individual from one of the six New England states (Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island or Vermont) who has fought for information crucial to the public's understanding of its community or what its government is doing (or not doing) on its behalf. The candidate should have shown tenacity or bravery in the face of difficulty in obtaining information that the public has a right to know.

To nominate a candidate, please complete the attached form and email it to mail@nefirstamendment.org or fax to 617.860.2559. You may also mail the form to New England First Amendment Coalition, 111 Milk Street, Westborough, MA 01581. All nominations must be received by February 1, 2015.



ABOUT ANTONIA ORFIELD

Antonia Orfield was an author, mother, optometrist, clinical professor and active citizen. She worked to improve the schools in the communities she lived in, serving on one of the first elected local school councils in Chicago. She also sought to advance her profession and improve the lives of her patients through the use and teaching of therapeutic non-surgical methods of vision therapy. As a researcher, she knew the importance of access to data to analyze, draw conclusions and challenge existing assumptions of screening and treatment protocols. Dr. Orfield operated a vision clinic in Mather Elementary School in Dorchester, Mass., which documented the improvement of children's grades and test scores with unconventional vision-related remedies to learning problems. The findings were published in several articles and in "Eyes for Learning," her 2007 book.



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Your Name _____

Your Email _____

Your Phone Number _____

Your Address _____

Name of Nominee _____

Address of Nominee _____

Email of Nominee _____

Please answer the questions below and attach your answers to this cover sheet.

(1) Why are you nominating the above named person for the Antonia Orfield Citizenship Award? (200 words max.)

(2) What has the above named nominee done to bring to the public's attention important information? Please be specific. (400 words max.)

(3) How did the above named person go about finding this information and sharing it with the public? (200 words max.)