



Scott L. Rubins
Named 2025 National High School
Forensic Science Educator of The Year

The Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations is proud to recognize Mr. Scott L. Rubins of New Rochelle High School, New York, as the 2025 National High School Forensic Science Educator of the year. For nearly three decades, Mr. Rubins has transformed forensic education through creativity, authenticity and a relentless commitment to student growth going far beyond textbooks and lectures.

In his classroom, students are not passive learners - they are forensic scientists. Whether encountering staged crime scenes with blood spatter and evidence markers, debating the OJ Simpson verdict, or analyzing breaking news through the forensic lens, his students are challenged to think critically, confront difficult issues, and discover answers for themselves. He advances students' knowledge by encouraging them to think on their own, make mistakes, and adjust, while providing cautions outlined in landmark forensic texts. This philosophy has created an atmosphere where exploration and resilience are celebrated.

Among his most innovative contributions is the mock crime scene final exam, now entering its 26th year. More than 140 students each year process stage outdoor crime scenes, collect evidence, and present their findings in a mock courtroom before professionals. This signature event, recognized in media and professional publications, epitomizes Mr Rubins' belief in realistic, hands-on assessment.

Beyond the high school classroom, Mr Rubins' influence extends nationally. He has been featured by media outlets, authored peer-reviewed publications, and presented at forensic science conferences. He also served as a consultant on Forensic Science curriculum, worked on real crime scenes, and has provided professional training. Drawing on many years of service, his experiences enrich lessons on crime scene reconstruction, accident analysis and victim identification through his innovative teaching, professional engagement, and tireless dedication to his students, Mr. Rubins exemplifies excellence in forensic science education. His ability to inspire students to succeed through forensic science inquiry makes him a very deserving recipient of this National honor.