**Congressman Larson, Michelle Marion and her husband Joseph.**

*WASHINGTON* – Congressman John Larson (CT-01) welcomed East Hartford High School's Michelle Marion to our nation's capital this week to honor her for her selection as the Connecticut Association of Schools "2011 Connecticut Assistant Principal of the Year". Marion was in Washington to attend a banquet honoring her and the other Principals of the year from across the country.

"Michelle Marion is a fantastic administrator who encapsulates the best qualities of our educators," Congressman Larson said. "Her award is yet another example of the terrific community leaders we have throughout the first congressional district and East Hartford."

Marion has been at East Hartford high school for 13 years, spending the first eight as a social studies teacher before assuming the post as Assistant Principal five years ago.

"This award serves to highlight the programs that are special to East Hartford and is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the staff at East Hartford High School, because we are truly a team," Marion said. "For me, it's a great feeling to receive an award for something I love doing every day.  The diversity and school pride of the students at EHHS make it a great place to work."

East Hartford High School Principal Matthew Ryan nominated Marion for the award. Marion's most recent achievement involves the creation of "Connections," a program in which students work together to hit academic and personal goals, while also raising community awareness on specific issues.

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