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**President Obama Honors Outstanding Math and Science Teachers**

WASHINGTON, DC -- President Obama today named 97 mathematics and science teachers as recipients of the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The educators will receive their awards in Washington, DC later this month.

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is awarded annually to outstanding K-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country. The winners are selected by a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, and educators following an initial selection process done at the state level. Each year the award alternates between teachers teaching kindergarten through 6th grade and those teaching 7th through 12th grades. The 2011 awardees named today teach 7th through 12th grades.

Winners of this Presidential honor receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation to be used at their discretion. They also are invited Washington, DC, for an awards ceremony and several days of educational and celebratory events, including visits with members of Congress and the Administration.

President Obama has committed to strengthen science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and prepare 100,000 effective science and mathematics teachers over the next decade. These commitments build on the President's "Educate to Innovate" campaign, which has attracted more than \$700 million in donations and in-kind support from corporations, philanthropies, service organizations, and others to help bolster science and technology education in the classroom.

"America's success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century depends on our ability to educate our children, give our workers the skills they need, and embrace technological change. That starts with the men and women in front of our classrooms. These teachers are the best of the best, and they stand as excellent examples of the kind of leadership we need in order to train the next generation of innovators and help this country get ahead," said President Obama.

**The recipients of the 2011 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching are:**

Alabama

Suzanne Culbreth, Birmingham (Math)  
Chanda Davis, Huntsville (Science)

Alaska

Stephanie Cronin, Seward (Math)  
Joanna Hubbard, Anchorage (Science)

Arizona

Michael Frank, Tucson (Science)

Arkansas

Stephanie Muckelberg, Bald Knob (Math)  
Vickie Logan, Little Rock (Science)

California

Kentaro Iwasaki, San Francisco (Math)  
Dean Baird, Sacramento (Science)

Colorado

Andrea Wiseman, Denver (Math)  
Amy Hanson, Denver (Science)

Connecticut

Karen Thomas, Westport (Math)  
Tyler Hoxley, East Hartford (Science)

Delaware

Mary Pinkston, Wilmington (Math)  
Michael Kaufmann, Wilmington (Science)

Department of Defense Education Activity

Spencer Bean, Baumholder, Germany (Math)

District of Columbia

Sarah Bax (Math)  
William Wallace (Science)

Florida

Kathleen Jones, Panama City Beach (Math)  
Stephen Fannin, Tallahassee (Science)

Georgia

Carol Taylor, Fayetteville (Math)

Kelly Stewart, Atlanta (Science)

Hawaii

Charles Souza, Jr., Honolulu (Math)

Julia Segawa, Honolulu (Science)

Idaho

Katie Pemberton, Coeur d'Alene (Math)

James Jordan, Boise (Science)

Illinois

Peter DeCraene, Evanston (Math)

David Bonner, Darien (Science)

Indiana

Natalie Schneider, Indianapolis (Math)

Stacy McCormack, Mishawaka (Science)

Iowa

Karla Digmann, Dubuque (Math)

Jody Stone, Cedar Falls (Science)

Kansas

Angela Miller, Manhattan (Math)

Dennis Burkett, Jr., Olathe (Science)

Kentucky

Andrea Higdon, Crestwood (Math)

Joshua Underwood, Mt. Olivet (Science)

Louisiana

Alison Drake, New Orleans (Math)

Anna Cole, Raceland (Science)

Maine

Kenneth Vencile, Rockport (Science)

Maryland

Barry Hopkins, Severna Park (Science)

Massachusetts

Kathleen Erickson, Great Barrington (Math)

Naomi Volain, Springfield (Science)

Michigan

Donald Pata, Grosse Pointe Woods (Science)

Minnesota

Donna Forbes, Mahtomedi (Math)

Jamin McKenzie, St. Paul (Science)

Mississippi

Jennifer Wilson, Flowood (Math)

Lucy McKone, Brookhaven (Science)

Missouri

Jennifer Baker, Hazelwood (Math)

Robert Becker, Kirkwood (Science)

Montana

Tammy Johnson, Stevensville (Math)

Carol Pleninger, Havre (Science)

Nebraska

David Hartman, Lincoln (Math)

Joan Christen, Beatrice (Science)

Nevada

Gary Mayers, Las Vegas (Math)

New Hampshire

Gina Bergskaug, Hollis (Science)

New Jersey

John McAllen III, Point Pleasant (Math)

Rebecca McLelland-Crawley, Perth Amboy (Science)

New York

Elisabeth Jaffe, New York (Math)

Francesco Neal-Noschese, Cross River (Science)

North Carolina

Nancy Trollinger, Marion (Math)

Eric Grunden, Raleigh (Science)

North Dakota

Ila LaChapelle, Walhalla (Science)

Ohio

Carole Morbitzer, Columbus (Math)  
Tami Fitzgerald, Zanesville (Science)

Oklahoma

Ashley Moody, McLoud (Math)  
Rebecca Morales, Broken Arrow (Science)

Oregon

Mary Koike, Newport (Science)

Pennsylvania

Katherine Schwang, Carlisle (Math)  
Richard Schmidt, Fort Washington (Science)

Puerto Rico

Jaime Abreu Ramos, San Juan (Math)  
Judith Martínez, Caguas (Science)

Rhode Island

Brian Nelson, Wakefield (Math)  
David Mather, Warwick (Science)

South Carolina

Matthew Owens, Columbia (Math)  
Holly Sullivan, Lugoff (Science)

South Dakota

Deborah Snook, Philip (Math)  
Paul Kuhlman, Avon (Science)

Tennessee

Phyllis Hillis, Oak Ridge (Math)  
Gail Schulte, Smyrna (Science)

Texas

Dixie Ross, Pflugerville (Math)  
Joy Killough, Austin (Science)

US Territories

Beatriz Camacho, Guam (Math)

Katherine Baker, Virgin Islands (Science)

Utah

Vivian Shell, Salt Lake City (Math)

James Larson, Salt Lake City (Science)

Vermont

Cathy Estes, Thetford (Math)

Elizabeth Mirra, Windsor (Science)

Virginia

Kimberly Riddle, Fredericksburg (Math)

Jacqueline Curley, Sterling (Science)

Washington

Nathan Shields, Vancouver (Math)

Robert Ettinger, Seattle (Science)

West Virginia

Neil Reger, Buckhannon (Math)

Angela McDaniel, Moatsville (Science)

Wisconsin

Michael Tamblyn, Whitewater (Math)

Kara Pezzi, Appleton (Science)

Wyoming

Jayne Wingate, Cheyenne (Math)

Chad Sharpe, Casper (Science)

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