



NORTH DAKOTA
EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

**QWEST FOUNDATION AND NORTH DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL
TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL ANNOUNCE
TEACHERS AND TECHNOLOGY GRANT WINNERS**

***North Dakota Teachers To Share \$25,000
for Classroom Technology Programs***

BISMARCK, N.D., Dec. 20, 2007 – Today, 12 teachers at 10 schools across North Dakota learned they had “made the grade” and will share \$25,000 in grants to bring to life technology-related classroom projects. The Qwest Foundation and the North Dakota Educational Technology Council announced the grant winners today.

This is the second year of the Qwest Teachers and Technology grant program. Its purpose is to provide funding for technology-related educational programs or projects, and to recognize North Dakota K through 12th grade public school teachers who use technology in the classroom in new and innovative ways to improve student performance.

“The winners of this year’s Qwest Teachers and Technology grants are inspiring with their creative ideas and imaginative programs,” said Scott Macintosh, Qwest president for North Dakota. “Qwest is pleased to help our state’s educators ensure students experience technology in new and inventive ways—now and in the future.”

The grant winners represent schools and districts across North Dakota. Their program ideas encompassed technologies like student response systems, global positioning technology, interactive whiteboards, handheld computers and multimedia classrooms.

Grant Award Recipients:

- Sara Zaun, kindergarten; West Elementary, Maple Valley
- Tamara McNeiley, 2nd grade; Kenmare Elementary
- Tracy Forbord, 5th grade; Grafton School
- Meribeth Hall, 1st grade; Prairie View Elementary, Devils Lake
- Sheri Hoyt, 7th grade; Dunseith School
- Cyndie Behles, 2nd grade; Colette Giffey and Sue Hendrickson, 5th grade; Bob Callies Elementary, Garrison
- Sarah Dewey, kindergarten through 3rd grade; Baldwin Elementary

- Jeanette Fox, 5th/6th grades; Wing Elementary
- Bret Dockter, 4th grade; Harvey Elementary
- Janice Kanwischer, 5th/6th grades; Fessendon-Bowdon School

“Technology is so ingrained in our lives that it’s important we put the best teaching and learning technologies in the hands of teachers and students,” said Dan Pullen, North Dakota Educational Technology Council director. “The Qwest Foundation continues to champion education and technology in our state, and as a result, ten more teachers will be able to advance their students’ classroom achievements.”

The Teachers and Technology grant program aims to improve student achievement through the use of today’s technology; build a real-world team problem-solving environment; and set the groundwork for future technology integration projects.

The grants were awarded to teachers through a competitive grant process announced by Governor John Hoeven and the Qwest Foundation on Nov. 19; applications were due Dec. 3.

About the Qwest Foundation:

The Qwest Foundation’s core principle is that investing in people and communities provides lasting value for the future. The Qwest Foundation awards grants to community-based programs that generate high-impact and measurable results, focusing on K through grade 12 education and economic development.

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