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134 Alberta teachers recognized for creativity and innovation in classroom

Edmonton... The 2009 Excellence in Teaching Awards Program is recognizing 134 creative and innovative teachers as award semi-finalists for their exceptional work in Alberta's Kindergarten to Grade 12 classrooms. Semi-finalists were selected from 365 eligible nominations from across the province.

"Teachers and principals connect with hundreds of students every day, providing support and mentorship that helps shape the lives of Alberta's youth," said Education Minister Dave Hancock. "These awards celebrate the teaching profession and shine a light on the important efforts of teachers and principals to inspire students to enjoy learning while working toward their goals."

Nominees must show leadership, demonstrate creativity and innovation, work collaboratively with colleagues, and create positive and stimulating learning environments that motivate students to exceed their own expectations. Each nomination includes statements of support from the nominee's principal or superintendent, a teaching colleague, and a member of the public. Semi-finalists and award recipients are selected by a committee made up of representatives from the education community.

The program honours teachers across the province and encourages them to further develop their skills by providing funding for their professional development. Semi-finalists are invited to a special celebration that includes an afternoon of professional development and a dinner, and they can access up to \$1,500 for additional professional development. Twenty award recipients can access up to \$4,000 for professional development and are formally honoured at a dinner and awards ceremony with the Education Minister. The three teachers who receive SMARTer Kids Foundation Innovative Use of Technology Awards will receive a comprehensive technology package, which includes a SMART board. This year's 23 award recipients, who are selected from the 134 semi-finalists, will be honoured in Edmonton on May 30.

"The Excellence in Teaching Awards give the community a chance to thank teachers for their positive contributions to students' learning experiences, said Hancock. "I applaud all nominees and semi-finalists for their hard work in classrooms across this province and encourage them to continue with their unique and effective teaching methods."

Alberta Education hosts the 21st Annual Excellence in Teaching Awards with the support of the Alberta School Councils' Association, the Alberta School Boards Association, The Alberta Teachers' Association, the Council on Alberta Teaching Standards, the Edmonton Journal and the SMARTer Kids Foundation. Albertans have celebrated Excellence in Teaching since 1989, with more than 8,000 teachers nominated and more than 400 award recipients. For more information about the Excellence in Teaching Awards, visit www.education.alberta.ca and click on the teachers tab.

Attachment: Backgrounder with a list of semi-finalists.

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2009 Provincial Excellence in Teaching Awards Semi-finalists

Barrhead

Ian Wallace Barrhead Composite High School

Bonnyville

Jacey Burkholder École Notre Dame High School

Brooks

Roger Cowan Brooks Composite High School

Calgary

Susan Ashley University School
Barbara Bannon Olympic Heights School
Nicole Brayton Westmount Charter School
Daniel Buchanan Harold W. Riley School
Dominique Cayouette Chinook Park School
Emily Chick Discovering Choices - Start (Bowness) Outreach
Michelle Deen St. Anthony School
Ted Doram Bowness High School
Valerie Fuchshuber William Reid School
Patti Gillespie Noble Westmount Charter School
Suzanne Hasiuk St. Sylvester School
Susan Inhaber Terrace Road School
Michele Kelly St. Rita School
Erik Leung Bishop O'Byrne High School
Leslie Lewis Grant MacEwan School
Rona MacEachern Westmount Charter School
Alexander Mckay Banting and Best School
Cathryn Miller Dr. Gordon Townsend School
Paul Monaghan Westmount Charter School
Jayne Mueller St. James School
Derek Rakowski University School
Deirdre Richardson Sunalta School
Darlene Selby Tom Baines School
Robb Sherman John XXIII School
Evelyn Sobremonte Bishop McNally High School
Merrilie Stonewall Cochrane High School
Julie Stover Glenbow Elementary School
Kerry Urban William Roper Hull School
Stephanie Vannus Annie Foote School
Greg Weir Lester B. Pearson High School

Greg Woitas

St. Vincent de Paul School

Edmonton

Jennifer Allen

Highlands School

Janelle Benedet

Oliver School

Ronda Borchert

George P. Nicholson School

Rosanne Boutin

St. Clement Catholic School

Margaret Bujold

École J.H. Picard Catholic School

Jodi Burak

Archbishop Oscar Romero Catholic School

Frank Candido

M.E. LaZerte School

Heather Chorley

Dan Knott School

Melanie Colistro

St. Lucy Catholic School

Jacqueline Connolly Leason

Good Shepherd Catholic School

Marianne Darlet

École J.H. Picard Catholic School

Janet Davies-Davis

Austin O'Brien Catholic School

Claudio Delcioppo

Ben Calf Robe: St. Clare Catholic School

Greg Dowler-Coltman

Victoria School

Charney Erickson

M.E. LaZerte School

Marcel Evaristo

St. James Catholic School

Diane Fischer

Harry Ainlay School

Erminia Fuerderer

St. Joseph Catholic School

Lisa Hailes

Anne Fitzgerald Catholic School

Joyce Holden

Duggan School

Linda Jarman

Garneau School

Yanick Jean-Proulx

Harry Ainlay School

Susannah Killey

Archbishop Oscar Romero Catholic School

Margaret Klaray

Ottewell School

Anuradha Kurup

Avonmore School

Jennifer Laroche

Dovercourt School

Andrea Larsen

Minchau School

Guy Leclerc

École Frère Antoine Catholic School

Jiany Li-Mitra

Ross Sheppard School

Daryl Lyseng

Braemar School

Susanna Makale

Ben Calf Robe: St. Clare Catholic School

Susan McKenzie-Robblee

Crestwood School

Dean Michailides

Balwin School

Angela Paskevich

Archbishop O'Leary Catholic School

Marlene Paziuk

M.E. LaZerte School

Deborah Pennyfeather

Ottewell School

William Robertson

Ross Sheppard School

Rosanna Saccomanno

St. Anne Catholic School

Amy Sanders

Concordia High School

Marcie Syme

George P. Nicholson School

Marian Thompson

Menisa School

Aurel Ulliac

H.E. Beriault Catholic School

Corey Whaley

M.E. Lazerte School

Linda Wight

Brightview School

Forestburg

Linda Coutts

Forestburg School

Fort McMurray

Jeff Clow
Sheldon Dahl

St. Martha School
Fort McMurray Composite High School

Grande Prairie

Clinton Pollon
Jay Smith

Montrose Junior High School
Grande Prairie Composite High School

High Level

Susan Richards

Spirit of the North Community School

High River

Bruno Payette

École Senator Riley School

Lethbridge

Karen Bourassa
Zahra Foroud
Denis Potvin
Lynn Saler

Mike Mountain Horse Elementary School
Lethbridge Montessori School
St. Paul Elementary School
St. Patrick Fine Arts Elementary School

Medicine Hat

Beverly Fuñe

St. Michael's School

Okotoks

Trish Draper
Mariette Moss
Carmen Ostafichuk

Dr. Morris Gibson School
John Paul II Collegiate
Holy Trinity Academy

Olds

Thomas Christensen
Amanda King
Marilyn Wallace

Olds Junior-Senior High School
Horizon Alternate Program
Olds Junior-Senior High School

Picture Butte

Jane Boras
Natalie Townshend

Dorothy Dalglish School
Picture Butte High School

Ponoka

Lois Spate

Ponoka Elementary School

Red Deer

Sanduo Cai
Tania Diletzoy

Hunting Hills High School
École Secondaire Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School

Kathleen Finnigan
Dennis Gerwing
Grant Gosse
Ramona Knudslien
Curtis Lansing

St. Patrick's Community School
St. Thomas Aquinas School
St. Patrick's Community School
Westpark Middle School
St. Thomas Aquinas School

Sheena McNiff-Wolfe	École Secondaire Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School
Moira Milne	Annie L. Gaetz Elementary School
Darla Mora	Joseph Welsh Elementary School
Theresa Moseson	Holy Family School
Karen Vanderwater	Annie L. Gaetz Elementary School

Rimbey

Dale Ewanchuk	Rimbey Junior Senior High School
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Seba Beach

Norma Peck	Seba Beach School
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Sherwood Park

Therese Dach	Sherwood Heights Junior High School
John Lobe	Strathcona Christian Academy Elementary
Karen Lundin	Lakeland Ridge School

Spirit River

Ian Sewall	Peace Academy of Virtual Education
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Spruce Grove

Gerry Smithaniuk	Woodhaven Middle School
Kevin Tokarsky	Woodhaven Middle School

St. Albert

Angela Lockhart	Paul Kane High School
Daryl Price	Paul Kane High School

Taber

Teresa Hansen	Armada Colony School
Michelle Sawchuk	D.A. Ferguson Middle School

Tilley

Janice Jensen	Tilley School
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Two Hills

Ryan Morey	Two Hills Mennonite School
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2009 SMARTer Kids Innovative Use of Technology Awards Semi-finalists

Nathan Clark	Bowden Grandview School, Bowden
Melina Akins	Corpus Christi School, Calgary
My Nguyen	CBe-learn, Calgary
Trenton Lunde	Grand Centre Elementary School, Cold Lake
Terry Godwaldt	Queen Elizabeth School, Edmonton
Jacqueline Klatt	Rutherford School, Edmonton
Sherri-Lynn Fricker	Fort Saskatchewan Elementary School, Ft. Saskatchewan

Joshua Hill
Arthur Pendle

Langdon School, **Langdon**
Hunting Hills High School, **Red Deer**

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