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## We Appreciate You!

Jessica Medaille, senior director of membership development, talks about Membership Appreciation Month

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February is Member Appreciation Month, when we get to celebrate and pamper you a little for the incredible work you do every day in classrooms, libraries, administration offices, service centers, and universities. ISTE is a strong and vibrant organization because of your important contributions.

To show how much we appreciate what you bring to your association, we're offering prizes, specials, and a chance to enhance your ISTE membership this month.

### Gifts, Contests, Prizes

ISTE members will be automatically included in drawings for ISTE books, NECC and webinar registrations, and other great prizes. Winners will be announced weekly on ISTE's Web site, [www.iste.org](http://www.iste.org).

In addition, all members are invited to attend a free ISTE professional development webinar on using Web 2.0 tools in the classroom.

### Professional Educator Networks

Did you know that more than 20,000 educators in more than 75 countries are ISTE members? ISTE members

are constantly exploring what's new and are embracing Web 2.0 tools for professional development and social networking. We encourage you to join one or more of our educator networks to share insights, challenges, and best practices with your peers—both in your neighborhood and around the globe.

Pictured above is our newest network, ISTE's Community Ning. A Ning is a social networking site where members can easily create groups, post news, maintain a blog, and hold forum discussions. Visit [www.iste-community.org](http://www.iste-community.org) and create a profile to join the conversation.

Other vibrant professional educator networks available free to ISTE members include:

- ISTE's Second Life Group, ISTE Island, which is now one of the most popular educational destinations and groups in this multi-user virtual environment
- ISTE's 18 Special Interest Groups, including six new SIGs
- The NECC Conference Ning
- ISTE's LinkedIn and Facebook groups

To view all the possibilities, visit [www.iste.org/member-networking](http://www.iste.org/member-networking).

### More New Benefits

- New digital edition of *L&L*
- New Student Online Membership and International Online Membership
- New 35% members-only discount on ISTE books for premium members
- New 60% members-only discount on ISTE professional development webinar series

### ISTE Awards

Don't miss the opportunity to recognize outstanding achievement. Check the Awards and Recognition section of our Web site to get the latest information on ISTE's growing suite of awards. Nominations are open now through mid-March. Visit [www.iste.org/membership/awards](http://www.iste.org/membership/awards).

### Volunteer Opportunities

Build your professional network and leadership skills by volunteering! Mentor a new educator, contribute an article to *L&L* magazine, or lead a SIG Book Discussion or Topic. Look for ISTE's Call to Volunteer Bulletin in your e-mail each month.

Visit [www.iste.org/member-appreciation](http://www.iste.org/member-appreciation) this month for prizes and more!