

## ISTE Award Winners Announced

ISTE recognized its 2009 award winners at NECC in June. Here is a run-down of the winners:

*The Outstanding Leader and Outstanding Teacher awards honor individuals who have demonstrably improved education through the effective use of technology.*



**Outstanding Leader: Karl Fisch**, director of technology, Arapahoe High School, Centennial, Colorado



**Outstanding Teacher: Sue Urban**, IT teacher, Wilderness School, Medindie, South Australia

*The Sylvia Charp Award presented by ISTE and T.H.E. Journal recognizes district innovation in technology.*

**Winners: Shari Camhi**, assistant superintendent, and **Joseph Geller**, director of technical services, Glen Cove School District, Glen Cove, New York

*The Public Policy Advocate of the Year Award recognizes a person who is an outstanding leader and mentor in advocating for educational technology policy at the local, state, regional, national, and/or international level.*

**Winner: Sheryl Abshire**, chief technology officer, Calcasieu Parish School System, Lake Charles, Louisiana

**Special acknowledgment: Jennifer Bergland**, Bryan Independent School District, Bryan, Texas, and **Chris Johnson**, Arizona Technology in Education Alliance, Tucson, Arizona, for being advocacy trendsetters

*The SIGMS Technology Innovation Award, sponsored by Linworth Publishing Incorporated and Follett Software Company, honors a school librarian and collaborating teacher who have conducted an exemplary technology program extending beyond the media center.*

**Elementary school winner: Karen Kliegman** and **Noël Forte**, Searington Elementary School, Albertson, New York, for “Meet the Candidates”

**Middle school winners: Lindsay Cesari** and **Patrick Donahue**, Durguee Jr. High School, Baldwinsville, New York, for “Digital Commercials of a Scientific Element”

**High school winners: Belinda O’Brien, Susan Casement,**

and **Cindy Rubenstein**, Minerva DeLand School, Fairport, New York, for “A Person Who Changed His/Her World”

*The Kay L. Bitter Award honors excellence in technology-based PK–2 Education.*

**Winner: Kathy Cassidy**, first grade teacher, Westmount School, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada

*The SIGTel Online Learning Award, sponsored by ISTE’s Special Interest Group for Telelearning, recognizes creative educators for their pioneering use of telecommunication networks to provide innovative learning opportunities for students in grades K–16.*

**First place: Sharon Peters**, The Study, Westmount, Quebec, Canada, and **Marguerite Kling**, Nature Coast Technical High School, Brooksville, Florida, for “Darfur Video Project”

**Second place: Roxanne Glaser** and **Shane Howard**, Education Service Center, Waco, Texas, and **Rusty Garrett**, KWYV News 10, Waco, Texas, for “Twisted Weather”

**Third place: Lisa Parisi** and **Christine Southard**, Denton Avenue Elementary School, New Hyde Park, New York, for “Poetry Collaboration”

*The SIGTE Research Paper Award recognizes excellence in research in the area of technology and teacher education.*

**Winning paper: “Cyberbullying: Using Virtual Scenarios to Educate and Raise Awareness”** by **Vivian H. Wright, Joy J. Burnham, Christopher T. Inman**, and **Heather N. Ogorchock** of the University of Alabama.

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