

# ISTE news

ISTE's Awards program honors its exemplary recipients annually during the National Educational Computing Conference (NECC). Reviewed by ISTE's Awards Committee, the awards demonstrate excellence and innovation in the effective use of technology for a wide range of educational levels, including prekindergarten, district, and research. For a current list of awards and to view past winners, visit <http://www.iste.org/membership/awards/>.

The 2005 Award Recipients are:

- **The Kay L. Bitter Vision Award for Excellence in Technology-Based Pre-Kindergarten** for 2005 was awarded to Laura Sam, a prekindergarten teacher with Woodbury School in the Sandwich Community Unit School District in Sandwich, Illinois. This is an annual award given by ISTE to recognize prekindergarten educators who demonstrate vision and creativity in a project or program that effectively integrates technology in the classroom.
- **The Sylvia Chorp Award for District Innovation in Technology** was awarded to the Kiel Area School District, Kiel, Wisconsin, by ISTE and *T.H.E. Journal* in honor of the late Dr. Sylvia Chorp. This award recognizes a school district that exhibits effectiveness and innovation in the application of technology districtwide.
- **The ISTE Outstanding Leader and Outstanding Teacher Award** recognizes and honors a leader and classroom teacher who demonstrate outstanding achievement in implementing technology to improve education. Winners are selected from nominations submitted by ISTE Affiliate members. Congratulations, Donna Roberts, Secondary Mathematics Teacher at Liverpool Central School District in Liverpool, New York, for receiving the 2005 ISTE Outstanding Teacher Award and Dr. Joe Hairston, Superintendent of Schools for Baltimore County Public Schools in Towson, Maryland, for receiving the 2005 ISTE Outstanding Leader Award.
- **The SIGTel Online Learning Award** recognizes creative educators for their pioneering use of telecommunication activities to provide innovative learning opportunities for students in grades K–16. Congratulations to the 2005 first place winners, Jean Watt and Becky West from Vermillion Elementary School in Alberta, Canada, for their project, Kid Dictionary.
- **The SIGTE Research Paper Award** recognizes excellence in research in the area of technology and teacher education. Congratulations to 2005 winners Vivian Wright and Elizabeth Wilson from the University of Alabama for the co-authored paper titled, *From Preservice to Inservice Teaching: A Study of Technology Integration*.

## COMING NEXT MONTH

### Computer-Based Testing

Educators from a Kentucky school district examine the Northwest Evaluation Association's Measures of Academic Progress. They describe how they used MAP to better access data about student achievement.

### School–University Collaboration

A teacher educator and a K–12 teacher explore the benefits of collaboration in fostering expanded integration of instructional technologies in the classroom.

### Costa Rica's Tech Outlook

Two Illinois teachers traveled to Costa Rica and returned with a new appreciation for the strides that country is making toward effective use of technology in the classroom.

### Buyer's Guide

A comparison of low-cost color laser printers.

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