

# MEMBER profiles

Linda Hasler-Reid

## More than OK: ISTE Member Is State Teacher of the Year

Relatively new ISTE member Linda Hasler-Reid was recently named 2007 Oklahoma State Teacher of the Year by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). As a state winner, Hasler-Reid is in the competition for the prestigious National Teacher of the Year award from that organization. The 2007 CCSSO National Teacher of the Year is chosen in late February after a series of interviews with the top four finalists. The winner will be announced in April in a presentation by the President of the United States and at other events in Washington, D.C.

Although a veteran educator, Hasler-Reid only joined ISTE approximately a year ago. She explains, "In the begin-



ning, I felt ISTE membership was only beneficial to instructors of technology, but I was wrong. I have learned a great deal, and some of the information I have gleaned has assisted me both in expanding the use of technology in my classroom and in seeking and applying for other grants to provide technology and training for our students and staff."

Hasler-Reid has spent her entire 14-year career in the Muskogee (OK) Public School system. "I have a Bachelor's Degree in English Education but have taught predominantly Spanish,

in which I have a minor and for which I am National Board Certified."

Her first year as an ISTE member has already been quite eventful. "I have very much enjoyed that year!" Obviously, technology has been a large factor in Hasler-Reid's ongoing success as a teacher. "I joined (ISTE) after receiving a couple of grants which dealt with technology, including a Hewlett-Packard Technology for Teaching grant."

After her first year as an ISTE member, Hasler-Reid remains enthusiastic about the organization. "I would absolutely recommend membership. I particularly enjoy the *Learning & Leading with Technology* publication, which I read literally cover to cover."

Affiliate

## Michigan Ed Tech Group Is Touching the Future

The Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning is committed to utilizing technology in all classrooms—from elementary to university level.

MACUL provides educators, parents, students, and community members with information about how technology can be used most effectively to improve education, MACUL executive director Ric Wiltse says. The organization also offers members a reduced ISTE membership fee and a 5 percent discount on educational computer software. MACUL also publishes a journal that is mailed to members each quarter and maintains a Web site with a PDF online newsletter.

<http://www.macul.org>



MACUL is scheduled to hold its annual conference in March, titled "Touching the Future with Technology," and sponsors a wide array of smaller, regional conferences throughout the year.

MACUL's strong ties to ISTE are evident not only through their membership benefits, but also through their support of ISTE conferences and seminars. MACUL is involved in ISTE's NECC and reserves rooms at the conference for Michigan attendees each year. Wiltse says, "The value of MACUL's longstanding affiliation with ISTE is that it offers its membership a con-

nection with educators across the country and across the world. In addition, ISTE's work in establishing standards and promoting advocacy for educational technology creates an important link between the state and national level."

Wiltse adds, "MACUL's vision for the future is to continue to be a leader in recognizing and implementing emerging technologies and supporting technology innovators."

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