

Awards Abound at NECC Ceremony

ISTE bestows several awards each year. Recipients were honored in a ceremony at NECC, but we'd like to acknowledge them here as well. **Rick Robb** is the recipient of this year's Outstanding Teacher Award. For more than 26 years, Robb has been a part of a cutting-edge technology community that melds business applications and educational environments. He is now in his 11th year of teaching high school English. His in-depth knowledge of technology through his business experience is aptly being applied in the classroom.

Lindy McKeown received the Outstanding Leader Award. McKeown, a PhD student at the University of Southern Queensland, Australia, has championed the use of technology in all levels of education for 26 years. By moving in and out of education systems in central office, regional, and school positions, and by seeking projects, mentors, and partners who would collaborate, she has developed innovative opportunities for teachers and students across Australia and the



Rick Robb



Lindy McKeown



Kathy Dunberg

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world to use technology to improve the quality of their work and their learning.

Kathy Dunberg, an art and science teacher with Gulliver Schools in Coral Gables, Florida, has been named this year's winner of the Kay L. Bitter Vision Award for Excellence in Technology-Based PK–Education. Dunberg uses a unique interdisciplinary approach to teaching that combines art, science, and technology.

Niles Township High School District 219 received the 2006 Sylvia Charp Award for District Innovation in Technology. District teachers have ubiquitous access to robust technology and the training they need. Each building provides workshops for teachers and staff and customized help whenever

needed. In addition, the district has a Technology Committee for School Improvement that updates the district's technology plan, monitors progress of its implementation, suggests initiatives, and provides a forum where concerns are addressed.

ISTE SIGTel Online Learning Award winners, from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, are **Jodi Prazak**, Piitoyais Family School; **Jennifer George**, Prince of Wales School; **Galileo Educational Network**; and **Stampede School** for their project, "Calgary Stampede and Treaty 7 First Nations: A Historical Perspective" (http://galileo.org/stampede_school/).

For more information on ISTE Awards, visit <http://www.iste.org/membership/awards/>. ■

Further Exploration with NECC

Whether or not you attended NECC 2006 in San Diego, there are numerous ways to take advantage of what the conference has to offer. You can use the following resources throughout the year to extend or enhance your professional development experience.

Handouts

http://center.uoregon.edu/ISTE/NECC2006/program/presenter_handouts.php

Find handouts and research papers from more than 330 presenters.

Videos

<http://center.uoregon.edu/ISTE/NECC2006/program/video-on-demand.php>

Fourteen sessions were videotaped as well as 11 interviews. All 25 videos are available through June 24, 2007.

Podcasts

<http://center.uoregon.edu/ISTE/NECC2006/program/podcasting.php>

Eighteen sessions were podcast.

Blogs

http://center.uoregon.edu/ISTE/NECC2006/glance/blogging_podcasting.php

Even if you didn't keep up with the blogosphere during the conference, it's not too late to check out what

some of your fellow educators had to say about their NECC experiences.

NECC Daily Leader

http://center.uoregon.edu/ISTE/NECC2006/glance/onsite_information.php (scroll down the page to *NECC Daily Leader*)

PDFs are available of the NECC Daily Leader, the onsite newspaper distributed daily at NECC.

NECC Database

<http://center.uoregon.edu/ISTE/NECC2006/program/search.php>

The 2006 conference database will remain archived online for one year.

For more information on NECC 2007 in Atlanta (June 24–27), visit <http://www.iste.org/necc>.