

Award Nominations Open

Do you know an outstanding educator, leader, or school district that deserves recognition? ISTE's Awards and Recognition program recognizes and honors the professional contributions and achievements of your ISTE peers. Please review the list of awards below and consider nominating someone. For more information, visit: <http://www.iste.org/membership/awards> or contact Terra Sieberman at tsieberman@iste.org.



Affiliate Awards: The ISTE Outstanding Teacher and Outstanding Leader Awards annually recognize one leader and one teacher who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in implementing technology to improve education. The recipients are selected from the pool of nominees submitted by ISTE Affiliates from around the world. Nominations open December 17, 2007.

Sylvia Chorp Award for District Innovation in Technology: Presented jointly by *T.H.E. Journal* and ISTE, this award recognizes U.S. school districts that exhibit effectiveness and innovation in the application of technology. Nominations open December 17, 2007.

Kay L. Bitter Vision Award for Excellence in Technology-based PK Education: A scholarship awarded to a PK-2 educator who has demonstrated vision and creativity in a project or program that effectively integrates technology in the classroom and/or school. Nominations open January 21, 2008.

Making it Happen rewards educational technology leaders around the world for their commitment and innovation to technology integration in K-12 schools. Nominations are open year round.



SIGTel Online Learning Awards: Since 1991, ISTE's Special Interest Group for Telelearning (SIGTel) has recognized creative educators for their pioneering use of telelearning activities to provide innovative learning opportunities for students in grades K-16. Nominations open February 1, 2008.



Where in the World Is ISTE?



Much of ISTE's work in the past few years has taken CEO Don Knezek and other staff members to diverse points on the globe. Partnering with organizations such as ministries of education, the George Lucas Education Foundation, and companies such as Microsoft and Hewlett-Packard, ISTE has been to Canada, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, Jamaica, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, the United Arab Emirates, and Venezuela. Projects include helping to develop standards, training teacher leaders, providing strategic planning support, and participating in or designing professional development events such as conferences and workshops.

One particularly exciting project is a mobile computer lab in Venezuela. Through its partnership with HP, ISTE is developing curriculum for secondary students and training materials for Venezuelan teachers to better integrate technology into teaching and learning. A bus converted into a mobile computer lab, called the HP Mobile Digital Garage, will travel to rural as well as urban schools across the country.

Teachers will receive onsite training and ongoing online support from Idelma Quintana, the former ISTE Institute program director. The curriculum and supporting materials will be available in both English and Spanish. The program is expected to begin in spring 2008.

"We are excited about this opportunity to work in Latin America.

The curriculum we are developing is intended to engage both students and teachers in applying technology tools and resources for learning in an increasingly digital world. It is our hope that this pilot program will expand within Venezuela and beyond," Quintana said.