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News Release

Nominations Now Open for 2009 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Online nominations are now open for the 2009 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching program, marking the 25th anniversary of this award.

The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, April 1, 2009. Completed applications are due Friday, May 1, 2009.

This year, the call for nominations to compete for this prestigious award is for secondary school mathematics and science teachers (seventh through 12th grade). Elementary school teachers (kindergarten through sixth grade) are eligible to apply in 2010.

Since 1983, more than 3,700 teachers from the 50 States and four U.S. jurisdictions (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands) have been selected to join the dynamic network of Presidential Awardees.

The network serves as a vital resource for improving science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and helping to keep America globally competitive.

Visit www.paemst.org for eligibility requirements, nomination guidelines, and application information.

Award recipients receive a citation signed by the President of the United States, an all-expense-paid trip for two to Washington, D.C. to attend a weeklong series of recognition events and professional

development opportunities, a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation, gifts from program sponsors and the chance to build lasting partnerships with colleagues across our nation.

For more information about the award or nominations, contact the Science PAEMST Colorado State Coordinator, DeLene Hoffner, at dhoffner@regis.edu or 719-234-7095 or the Math PAEMST Colorado State Coordinator, Melissa Colsman, at colsman_m@cde.state.co.us or 303-866-6737.

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