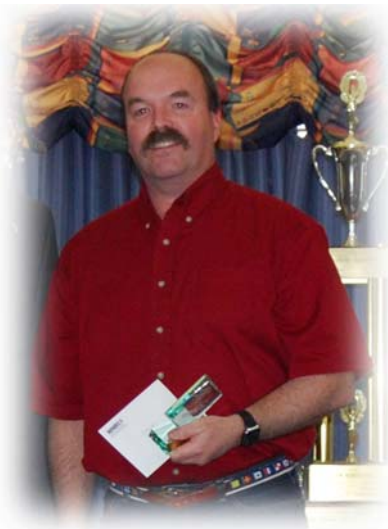


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MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL WINNERS

Middle School Technology Educator of the Year

Rusty West, Pre-Engineering Teacher,
Page Middle School, Gloucester



The 2010 Middle School Technology Educator of the Year is awarded to Rusty West Pre-Engineering Teacher, at Page Middle School in Gloucester.

Rusty West Pre-Engineering teacher at Page Middle School in Gloucester, qualifies for the Technology Educator of the Year Award for many reasons. In addition to using STEM methodology in the classroom, he is the First Lego League coach for the boys' Robotics team and mentor for the girls' team. He's the Technology Student Association sponsor and the FTC High School Robotics Team Coach. During the summer, he is the Coach of the Summer Robotics Camp, and he trains colleagues for Project Lead The Way.

The judges are proud to award the 2010 Technology Educator of the Year Award to Rusty West. Congratulations.

High School Technology Educator of the Year

Kim Bates, Technology Education Teacher,
Heritage High School, Newport News

The 2010 High School Technology Educator of the Year is awarded to Kim Bates, Technology Education Teacher at Heritage High School in Newport News.

Kim Bates exemplifies extraordinary leadership as she works on adding Digital Visualization, Gaming, and Modeling and Simulation to the Engineering and Technology Magnet Program at Heritage HS in Newport News. She works with the TSA Club, offers internships to her students, and has just started a collaborative project with Newport News Waterworks, the Peninsula Workforce Development Center, and SEVA PORT.

The judges are proud to award the 2010 High School Technology Educator of the Year Award to Kim Bates.



Middle School Technology Integrator of the Year

June Jones, Educational Technology Facilitator,
Yorktown Middle School, York



The 2010 Middle School Technology Integrator of the Year is awarded to June Jones, Educational Technology Facilitator at Yorktown Middle School in York.

This year's Technology Integrator of the Year for Middle School describes her role as one who "empowers the students and the classroom teacher to integrate technology tools into what they are doing so they can produce their vision." June Jones does this with creativity and enthusiasm at Yorktown Middle School and Dare Elementary School in York County. "It's not just about the computers and software...It's about using practical knowledge and available equipment and resources to create something wonderful."

The judges are proud to award the 2010 Middle School Technology Integrator of the Year Award to June Jones.

High School Technology Integrator of the Year

Roberta Rakestraw, Instructional Technology Resource Teacher,
Norfolk Technical Vocational Center, Norfolk

In her role as ITRT for Norfolk, Roberta Rakestraw is the "go-to person" at Norfolk Technical Center, Berkeley-Campostella Early Childhood Center, Norfolk Detention Center, and Easton Pre-School. She received her ISTE Certification by going through the rigorous Capstone Program. She prepares students for the FBLA competitive events, serves as an advisor to the Norfolk Technical Center Great Computer Challenge team members, and is a mentor for the FIRST Robotics Team. She is also a workshop presenter for teachers and parents, both locally and state-wide.

The judges are proud to award the 2010 High School Technology Integrator of the Year Award to Roberta Rakestraw.



Middle School Technology Administrator of the Year

David Leech, Principal,
Davis Middle School, Hampton



The 2010 Middle School Technology Administrator of the Year is awarded to David Leech, Principal at Davis Middle School in Hampton.

David Leech has taken Davis Middle School into the 21st Century with technology as he leads multiple pilot projects. Two social studies teachers are experimenting with paperless classrooms; VR Library affords teachers and students the ability to create educational videos and upload them to the HCS YouTube; all teachers have iPod Nanos to use in the classroom; GagleNet provides all students with email and project space; and Safari Montage is a digital media management and distribution system. These pilots are all helping teachers provide skills for their students.

The judges are proud to award the 2010 Middle School Technology Administrator Award to David Leech.

High School Technology Administrator of the Year

Lee Welch, Supervisor of Instructional Technology and Media Services, Central Office, Williamsburg

The 2010 High School Technology Administrator of the Year is awarded to Lee Welch, Supervisor of Instructional Technology and Media Services at Central Office in Williamsburg.

As the Supervisor of Instructional Technology and Media Services, Lee Welch has led WJCC Public Schools to be awarded the 2008 Governor's Award for Innovative Use of Tech in K-12 Ed. He is well known for the Instructional Technology Standard, which includes instructional hardware and software in all grades 3-12. Recognizing that the greatest impact on the use of instructional tools comes from putting the tools in the hands of the students, the wireless keyboard, Interwrite, and document camera are presented to the teachers as student tools. Additionally, Lee now is initiating several more projects that include handhelds for students and a server that allows teachers to easily create their own wikis, blogs and podcasts all within the safety of the school Intranet.



The judges are proud to award the 2010 High School Technology Administrator Award to Lee Welch.