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High School Educators Nationwide Awarded Classroom Earth Grants
Ten chosen for innovative environmental projects

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Ten high school teachers from around the country received a financial boost for innovative environmental education projects in their high schools.

The National Environmental Education Foundation, in partnership with The Weather Channel, announced the 10 high school educators from around the country who have been selected to receive Classroom Earth National High School Challenge Grants to bring environmental education into the classroom.

Teachers will each receive \$4,000 to implement creative, thought-provoking lesson plans for grades 9 through 12. Projects funded through the grant program include: a water-monitoring project in Alabama, a renewable energy course in Montana, a pest management course taught partially in an apple orchard in Pennsylvania and school garden projects that include preparing, growing and, of course, eating, fresh produce in Minnesota, Florida and Oregon.

“With the Classroom Earth grants, teachers will have the resources to teach meaningful lessons to students; lessons that combine standards with a wide array of disciplines, including math, science, social studies and language arts,” said Diane Wood, president of the National Environmental Education Foundation. “Equally important, the projects will help prepare students for the green economy, aid them in appreciating the natural world and expand their learning in new, creative ways.”

Classroom Earth, a project of the National Environmental Education Foundation with generous support from The Weather Channel, enhances and strengthens environmental education in classrooms nationwide. At the click of a mouse, Classroom Earth offers teachers a wide array of resources and curricula, tailors to each subject area and consistent with educational standards.

Teachers who received the 2010 single-course grant will implement their projects during the 2010-2011 school year.

Single course grant winners for 2010:

ALABAMA

Lynne Stewart, Alma Bryant High School, Irvington; Water quality monitoring project.

FLORIDA

Remy Dou, Miami Christian School, Miami; Aeroponic gardening project.

ILLINOIS

Scott McCreary, Lincoln-Way North High School, Frankfort; School outdoor work space project.

MINNESOTA

Sada Ganske, Learning Alternatives Community School, Spring Lake Park; Gardening and foods project.

James Lorenz, Nawayee Center School, Minneapolis; Native ecology project.

MONTANA

Raimund Hahn, Fairfield Public Schools, Fairfield; Renewable energy curriculum.

OHIO

Michael Sustin, West Geauga Local Schools, Chesterland; Environmental discovery projects.

OREGON

Tom McKenna, Portland YouthBuilders, Portland; School gardening project and “politics of food” course.

PENNSYLVANIA

Mitchell Trembicki, Haverford High School, Havertown; Pest management project.

WISCONSIN

Joe Waters, Princeton Public School, Princeton; Environmental management through GIS project.

For details on each winner’s project, visit: [LINK](#)

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Classroom Earth increases the ability of high school teachers to integrate environmental education into curricula so that students are prepared to be part of environmental solutions. For more information, visit www.classroomearth.org.



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