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New date and venue for Golden Apple Awards Celebration

Please note that we have changed the date and location for the 25th Annual Golden Apple Awards Celebration. The event will be held on Friday, October 15 at WTTW Studios in Chicago. More details to follow.

Other upcoming events:

25th Annual Celebration of Excellence in Teaching

Honoring our 30 Golden Apple Awards finalists

April 17, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Hyatt McCormick Place, Chicago

Tickets: \$25/person

To purchase tickets, contact Gretchen Markandy at 312-407-0006 or markanday@goldenapple.org

Induction of the Golden Apple Scholar Class of 2010

April 25, 5 p.m.

DePaul University

Golden Apple Associates Board presents Casino Night

April 29, 7-10 p.m.

Lumen, 839 W. Fulton Market, Chicago

[Tickets available online.](#)

Spring Academy Quarterly and Induction Ceremony

May 19, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Northwestern University

GoldenApple.org gets a makeover

As part of our 25th anniversary celebration, we gave the Golden Apple website a facelift. Be sure to check it out at www.goldenapple.org.

We have also updated our Facebook presence, with a Fan page. If you are a social media user, make sure you're a fan of Golden Apple by clicking on [this link](#) and following "GAFoundation" on [Twitter](#).

105 promising future educators selected as 2010 Golden Apple Scholars

Final selection of the 2010 Golden Apple Scholars was completed in March. Out of 2,135 nominations and 529 applications, 105 promising future educators were selected ([click here for the complete list](#)).

This year marks an expansion of the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program to include a separate cohort for early childhood education, in partnership with National Louis University and Kohl Children's Museum. The program will be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

Golden Apple founders honored as distinguished philanthropists

Mike and Pat Koldyke, whose vision formed the foundation of Golden Apple 25 years ago, are being recognized for their outstanding contribution to improving education in Chicago by the [Association of Fundraising Professionals](#). At the organization's annual [Philanthropy Awards luncheon](#) in May, the Koldykes will be given the Distinguished Philanthropist award for their commitment to improving the lives of thousands in Chicago.



2009 Golden Apple Scholars start their college careers with perfection

Nine Golden Apple Scholars who entered their freshman year of college last fall earned a 4.0 GPA in their first semester. This outstanding accomplishment was achieved by Olivia Atherton, Phillip Bowen, Heidi Diaz, Tobi Drilling, Nolan Grace, Lika Hindi, Katelin Johnson, Joe O'Malley and Karianna Stephens. Congratulations to them and all of our high-achieving Scholars.

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2010 Golden Apple Award finalists selected

Thirty Chicago area high school teachers and their schools were celebrating last week when they learned that they were finalists for the 2010 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. Out of 542 nominations and 229 applications, these thirty were selected for the final round of observation and review before the 10 winners are announced in May.

The list of finalists ([which can be viewed here](#)) includes a Golden Apple Scholar, two GATE teachers and four National Board Certified teachers. Twenty-five of the 30 teach in Cook County – including 16 CPS teachers -- three in DuPage County and two in Lake County. Congratulations to all the finalists and best of luck to all of you in the final selection process!