

## **The Chat Room**

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## **Golden Apple Foundation**

Golden Apple is a Chicago area nonprofit organization that seeks to advance the teaching profession by means of recruitment and preparation, professional development and recognition. In fact, one of the teacher prep programs, the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois, has awarded scholarships to 62 students from Eastern's College of Education & Professional Studies. Golden Apple also runs a professional development program called the Teaching Excellence Network (TEN).

TEN ([www.goldenappleTEN.org](http://www.goldenappleTEN.org)) is a free online community open to all current, former, and prospective pre-K - 12 classroom teachers, with a special emphasis on Illinois. The heart of TEN is the members' discussion community, which features thoughtful conversations on topics ranging from classroom practice to educational activism to the essence of what it means to be a teacher. In addition, community members can recommend and review the very best in education resources, including books, websites, conferences, and grant opportunities. TEN also features a blog, updated frequently, which is a gateway to education news, resources, and opinions. There are already 800 members on TEN, but the more teachers who participate in the discussions, the more wide-ranging the site's resources become.

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