

2010 Golden Apple Award Recipients Announced



On May 11 and 12, 10 Chicago area teachers had their lesson plans completely upended, but somehow we don't think they minded. Golden Apple representatives, friends, family, media and special guests, including CPS Chief Ron Huberman and Bulls legend Sidney Green, surprised the 10 recipients of the 2010 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching in their classrooms last week and presented them with a

basket of apples from our friends at [Mrs. Prindables](#).

The honorees, all high school teachers, were selected from a pool of 562 nominees. Each Golden Apple Award recipient receives a tuition-free, six-month sabbatical to study at Northwestern University. Each winner also receives a \$3,000 cash award and becomes a Fellow of the Golden Apple Academy of Educators, providing a stronger voice and a larger stage from which to make an impact, through ongoing professional development and engagement in education reform.

The recipients of the [2010 Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching](#) (listed below) will be honored at a black-tie event on Friday, October 15, at WTTW/Channel 11 Studios in Chicago. WTTW will also broadcast the awards in a one-hour television program following the event.

2010 Golden Apple Teachers:

Dr. David Baar
Choral Music
Providence St Mel School
Chicago

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Important Survey Involving Children and School Diet

Golden Apple is a dissemination partner of Illinois Farm to School (ILF2S), which aims to serve healthy meals in school cafeterias, improve student nutrition, provide agriculture, health and nutrition education opportunities in Illinois, and support local and regional farmers.

ILF2S is conducting a [survey](#) about local and organic foods in schools and student diets. The survey is designed to reach six primary groups of stakeholders: 1) K-12 teachers, 2) K-12 principals, 3) K-12 parents, 4) K-12 administrators, 5) K-12 school food directors, and 6) farmers. However,

anyone can take the survey; if you

Anthony Curtis

Survey Literature, Survey Literature Honors
Phoenix Military Academy
Chicago

Jacob Gourley, '94 Golden Apple Scholar

Government Honors Government, AP U.S. History, College
Prep Seminar
Thornton Fractional South High School
Lansing

Susan Harsa

French 1, French 3 Honors, French 4 Honors
Saint Francis High School
Wheaton

Darshan Jain

Geometry PreCalculus
Adlai E. Stevenson High School
Lincolnshire

Rosalind Kline-Thomas, Golden Apple Teacher Education
(GATE) teacher, 2005

Algebra I
Michele Clark Academic Prep High School
Chicago

Jungsun Moon

Junior Year English, Advanced Placement English Literature
and Composition
King College Preparatory High School
Chicago

Scott Reed, NBCT, '07 Golden Apple Teacher of Distinction

Physics, Honors Physics
Niles North High School
Niles

Aaron Reedy

Biology, Zoology
Thomas Kelly High School
Chicago

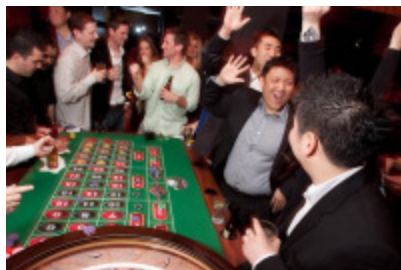
Patrice Turk, NBCT

Literary Studies, Advanced Placement Literature and
Composition
Chicago Academy High School
Chicago

Twenty [Teachers of Distinction](#) were also named this week and will be asked to participate in Golden Apple programs and events.

Associates Board Casino Night raises more than \$3,000

The [Golden Apple Associates Board](#), a group of young professionals who support the Golden Apple mission through events and other activities, hosted a Casino Night at



Lumen nightclub last month, the first event of its kind for our organization. The event, which attracted 200 people, netted \$3,105 and featured 40 items, valued at over \$5,500, for a raffle and silent auction. The group also attracted new sponsors to the event, relationships on which we hope to build for the future.

Golden Apple co-sponsors event aimed at reaching young African-American men

More than 200 educators, policy makers and community leaders gathered at National-Louis University last month to discuss promising practices for raising the achievement of African-American male students. The "Reaching Black Boys" symposium sponsored by Golden Apple, [MAGIC of Woodlawn](#), [National-Louis University](#), [Urban Prep Academies for Young Men](#) and [Catalyst Chicago](#), focused on what leaders can and need to do to improve educational outcomes of black boys and change the community's view of the issue.



Keynote speaker, [Dr. Pedro Noguera](#), a New York University professor who is a national authority on minority males and the achievement gap, said that no one really knows why the school system is failing young black and Latino men. Panelists suggested that making changes, incorporating rituals and values in schools, the use of restorative

justice discipline methods like peer juries, and parent education would help address the challenges African-American and Latino boys face.

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don't meet one of these categories, there is an "other" category for you to choose.

Please consider taking the [survey](#) and forwarding it to friends, family and colleagues in Illinois – Chicago, downstate, it doesn't matter – the more Illinois residents who take this [survey](#), the better.

You can also follow ILF2S on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for more information on the program.

Free Resources from Fellows

Each month the [Golden Apple website](#) features teaching and learning resources from members of the Golden Apple Academy of Educators on a wide variety of topics. If you are looking for new teaching tools or have something to share, visit our [Free Resources](#) page.

Tamara Tysko, a teaching Scholar who teaches ESL classes at an elementary school in Bridgeview, was honored as a 2010 Environmental Hero of the Year in recognition of a strong commitment to the health and protection of the environment in Illinois. The award was presented by



Gov. Pat Quinn at the [2nd Annual Sustainable Schools Symposium](#) where he also declared the month of April as "Earth Month" in Illinois.

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