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## Golden Apple president and CEO's book updated and expanded in recently released second edition

CHICAGO (November 4, 2009) – Golden Apple President and CEO Dominic Belmonte's first book, "Teaching from the Deep End," has been revised throughout for a second edition released this fall.

The book, which combines theory with personal anecdotes, guides novice teachers through the process of finding their own way as educators. The second edition of the book, which was originally published in 2003, includes suggestions for navigating school politics, offers ways to survive a culture of "testmania," provides recommendations for working with colleagues and parents, and gives expanded job-seeking advice for new teachers.

"Through this book, I want to encourage new teachers to reflect on why they chose teaching as a profession in the first place and to think, to question, to observe and to anticipate as they develop a teaching philosophy," Belmonte describes.

Belmonte has served as president and CEO of Golden Apple, a non-profit organization dedicated to recognizing and developing excellence in teaching, since 2006. He previously served as Director of Teacher Preparation for the organization—a position he held since 1996. He is one of the co-creators of the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program, the largest pre-service teacher preparation program in the nation, and the Golden Apple Teacher Education (GATE) program, the first alternative pathway to teacher preparation in Illinois. Belmonte first became involved with Golden Apple in 1987, when he received the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching while teaching English and heading the English department at York Community High School in Elmhurst, Illinois.

"Teaching From the Deep End" and Belmonte's second book, "Teaching on Solid Ground," are both published by Corwin Press, California.

### About Golden Apple

Golden Apple began in 1985 with founders Mike and Pat Koldyke and a shared inspiration — to offer outstanding school teachers the level of recognition enjoyed by actors at the Academy Awards. Golden Apple's successful track record now spans more than 20 years. Integrated, innovative Golden Apple programs and resources enhance the quality, resiliency, and creativity of classroom teachers and improve teaching and learning throughout Illinois. Qualified, passionate educators — including Golden Apple Award-winners and finalists — lead a small staff of dedicated employees with functional and program expertise. A connected and committed board of directors oversees Golden Apple's strategic direction. Together with a larger community of expert educators, the not-for-profit organization works to ensure that all Illinois children have the excellent teachers they deserve.

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