



## Golden Apple honors 30 Chicago area teachers as finalists

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As parents, we know that teachers are our partners in raising our kids.

Some of those very teachers will be honored this weekend in Chicago as finalists for the Golden Apple awards.

Thirty Chicago area teachers made the list of finalists for the 2010 Golden Apple awards, given out annually to deserving teachers.

The Chicago-based Golden Apple Foundation is hosting an event Saturday at the Hyatt McCormick Place in Chicago to honor those finalists. Winners will be announced this fall.

This year, high school teachers are the focus of the awards. It rotates every year to different groups of grade levels. Eligible teachers must be full-time classroom teachers at public or non-public schools in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake or Will counties.

Of the 30 finalists, 16 are from the Chicago Public Schools system. Another nine are from elsewhere in Cook County schools. Three teach in DuPage County and another two teach in Lake County.

Northwest suburban Chicago teachers that made the cut are:

- Michael Heinz, Niles West High School, Skokie
- Darshan Jain, Adlai E. Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire
- Scott Reed, Niles North High School, Skokie
- Ryan Rockaitis, Deerfield High School
- Dr. Mark Vondracek, Evanston Township High School
- Jeffrey Yordy, Glenbrook South High School, Glenview

Congratulations to all of the finalists. Winners get a tuition-free six month sabbatical to study at Northwestern University and a \$3,000 cash award. They also become fellows in the Golden Apple Academy of Educators.



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