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## Three area teachers finalists for top teaching prizes

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Three Southland teachers are finalists for the 2010 Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching, the organization announced Wednesday.

All 30 Chicago-area finalists for the teaching award are high school teachers and were selected from a pool of 229 applicants.

The finalists will undergo a final round of observation and review before the 10 winners are announced in May.

Each winner is granted a tuition-free six-month sabbatical at [Northwestern University](#) plus a \$3,000 cash prize.

The list of finalists includes:

John Gonczy, Mount Carmel High School in Chicago.

Jacob Gourley, Thornton Fractional South High School in Lansing. Gourley was a Golden Apple scholar in 1994.

Roz lasillo, Mother McAuley High School in Chicago.

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