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**Golden Apple Brings Successful Teaching Methods Alive at  
Teachers for Tomorrow Conference**

CHICAGO (October 3, 2011) – Golden Apple, a non-profit organization that works to inspire, develop and support teacher excellence in Illinois, is offering the Teachers for Tomorrow conference. This is part of Golden Apple's mission to provide teachers access to innovative resources. This conference will enrich and inspire educators who are currently working with students as well as introduce and encourage young adults who are considering the teaching profession. The conference is hosted by Golden Apple Fellows, Teachers of Distinction, and Teaching Scholars. Building on more than 25 years of successful professional development programs, the Teachers for Tomorrow workshops encourage teachers to attain ever-higher levels of excellence.

"Despite the prevailing controversies and persistent challenges, the fact remains that children need caring and inspiring adults in their classrooms," said Dom Belmonte, executive director, Golden Apple. "The Teachers for Tomorrow Conference helps to allure young people to the possibility and strengthens the craft to veteran teachers in the manner Golden Apple has led for more than 25 years."

The Teachers for Tomorrow Conference will be held on Saturday, November 19 at Niles North High School in Skokie, IL. This conference is geared toward high school juniors, seniors and their parents, college students who are in education programs, and teachers (especially those in their first three years of teaching).

Topics covered during the day of networking and professional development include:

- Applying for scholarships
- Assessment
- Student experiences beyond the classroom
- Today's educational environment
- Benefits of a teaching career
- Bilingual/bicultural education
- Grant writing
- Special education/exceptional learner
- Literacy skills through music
- Employment: how to find a job
- Social/emotional learning
- Reaching all students
- Golden Apple scholars program
- Teaching in a school of need
- Preparing for college
- Connecting with other teachers
- Caring school community
- Creating a community of learners
- Classroom management
- Effective teaching strategies
- Teaching with technology
- STEM
- STEAM

Keynote speakers include:

Aaron Reedy, Thomas Kelly High School  
Expanding Beyond the Classroom

Carolyn Skibba, Burley Elementary School  
Technology

Ruth Evermann, Jose de Dominguez Community Academy  
Instruction

For more information and to register, visit <http://teachersfortomorrow.eventbrite.com/>.  
The cost is \$30 for teachers and college students, and \$15 for high school students and parents.

### **About Golden Apple**

Golden Apple is a non-profit organization that works to inspire, develop and support teacher excellence in Illinois, especially in schools of need. Because the critical contributor to student achievement is the quality of the teacher in the classroom, Golden Apple is dedicated to providing exceptional preparation for teachers at all stages of their careers. The organization's innovative programs build on one another to transform teachers and teaching, enriching student and teacher lives. The Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program identifies motivated future educators with diverse backgrounds and provides advanced teacher preparation and mentoring, both during and after college, to ensure lasting teacher success in challenging environments. The Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching recognize outstanding teachers and involve them in the Golden Apple mission. Golden Apple's professional development programs foster high performance within the education community and have directly influenced the teaching practices of thousands of educators. Visit [www.goldenapple.org](http://www.goldenapple.org) for more information.

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