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### \$25 for the 25th

A straightforward new fundraising campaign focused on the Golden Apple family asks for one dollar for each of Golden Apple's years of operation. Support Golden Apple!

### July Free Resource

Scott Reed, 2010 Golden Apple Award winner, shares [Nine Steps to Better Connections with Parents](#).

### Friendly Faces

Take a look at new albums of [Golden Apple photos](#):

- Scholars move in and get to work at the DePaul 2010 Summer Institute.
- IMSA Scholars learn to be better math and science teachers.
- Associates Board members pitch in at the American Indian Center.

### News Highlights: 2010 Winners

View an inspiring [compilation of news highlights](#) surrounding our announcement of the 10 winners of 2010 Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching. Thanks to 2009 Fellow **Carol Broos** for creating this resource.

### Scholar Nominations Open

[Nominations](#) are now being accepted for 2011 Scholars.

## Summer Institutes Immerse Scholars in Learning, Teaching (and Even Canoeing)

Golden Apple's Summer Institutes for Scholars began in June at the DePaul University Campus, the Illinois Math & Science Academy (IMSA), Elmhurst College, and at the Kohl Children's Museum. More than 340 Scholars are participating in these intensive, multi-week teacher preparation programs, advancing their understanding of learning theory, gaining classroom experience, and developing effective teaching techniques with the help of Golden Apple Award-winning Fellows and other top educators.

The Summer Institute at Kohl Children's Museum is a pilot [Early Childhood Education program for Scholars](#), conducted in partnership with National-Louis University (NLU). Five Scholars were selected to participate and will enroll in NLU's Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education program this fall.

At DePaul, 180 Scholars gathered for three weeks of course work and onsite teaching experience at one of 30 Chicago public or private schools. The introductory week included team-building activities with peers in Reflective Seminar sessions and instruction on classroom management, diversity, college success, introspective writing, and ethical fitness.



At IMSA, Scholars had the opportunity to participate in a canoe trip down the Fox River. Scholars conducted research on river flow rates, processed the data they collected, and also connected with Project WET and Project WILD activities.

These interactive projects are part of award-winning environmental education programs designed to help students learn how to think, gain awareness and knowledge of the environment, and build decision-making skills.



## Associates, Scholars Make an Impact at the American Indian Center

The Golden Apple Associates Board, led by member **Richard Hawwa**, organized a volunteer day at the [American Indian Center](#) on Saturday, June 26. Some 40 Associates Board members, Scholars, and Golden Apple staff met at 9 a.m. to clean and paint at the Center. Two days later, 16 Scholars began interning as teaching assistants as part of their onsite experience during Golden Apple's Summer Institute at DePaul.



AIC provides free after-school and summer tutoring and mentoring to Chicago-area American Indian students in grades K - 12, among other activities. Special thanks to the Director of the American Indian Center, Dr. Megan Bang, for helping to develop this partnership with Golden Apple.

## iTEAM of Educators Enjoys Hands-On Inquiry Science

Thirty-nine enthusiastic educators attended Golden Apple's first Inquiry Science Support System Workshop June 28 – July 2, held at the Museum of Science & Industry and led by Golden Apple Award-winning faculty. The workshop is one element of Golden Apple's Inquiry Science Institute, a partnership with 17 Chicago Public Schools to foster improved student achievement in science through inquiry methods of instruction.

The Institute includes two workshops and extensive in-school support for a leadership team of five teachers—the iTEAM—at each partner school. Among other topics at this inaugural workshop, iTEAM participants learned how to help students:



- Work through the scientific method, from observation to conclusion, using blocks, spheres, and other simple tools to explore gravity and density
- Investigate the effects of hand washing on the spread of germs with side-by-side “fingerprint” comparisons in a Petri dish
- Learn about vaccinations and the spread of disease using liquids and personal test tubes
- Think and act like forensic scientists

In addition to donating space, the Museum of Science & Industry offered staff time for presentations, gave teachers a private tour of the U-505 submarine, and hosted them at the Omnimax to view the Hubble movie. On participant evaluations, 100% of respondents said they would **definitely** recommend the workshop to other teachers.

“Can’t wait till next year!” noted one participant on the [iTEAM Facebook](#) page.

For more information, contact Penny Lundquist, Golden Apple Director of Professional Development.

## ***Upcoming Events***

### **Teachers for Tomorrow Conference Set for September 25**

Building on the resounding success of last year’s event, the second annual Teachers for Tomorrow conference will again seek to inspire and support the next generation of educators



considering careers in teaching. High school students (and their parents), college students who are in education programs, and teachers (especially those in their first three years of teaching) are invited to attend on September 25. **The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kenwood Academy, 5015 South Blackstone Avenue, Chicago.**

**Greg Michie**, '96 Fellow and author (*Holler If You Hear Me*) will present the keynote address. More than 30 distinguished Golden Apple Fellows, Teachers of Distinction, and Teaching Scholars will be offering an array of workshops highlighting today's educational environment. New to the conference this year will be a large group session featuring a wide selection of teaching resources.

We greatly appreciate and encourage the participation of all of the Golden Apple family, by either presenting workshops, volunteering to help with logistics and clean up, serving on the Planning Committee, and/or bringing students to the conference. For new teachers and college students, the cost of the day-long conference is \$25 per person. For high school students and their parents, the cost is \$10 per person. Lunch is included for all attendees. For more information, contact Golden Apple's [program coordinators](#).

## **Golden Apple Family Connects Across Generations**

**Sister Raeleen Sweeney**, Scholars Program Assistant Director: CORE, recently presented her almost-four-year-old grandnephew with a Curious George backpack. His response when slipping it on? "I'm the coolest boy in the world now!" In the fall, his really cool teacher at Nettelhorst Elementary School will be Golden Apple Fellow **Ziomara Perez**.

## **Invitation Alert**

Invitations will be mailed in mid August for the Golden Apple Awards 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Friday, October 15 at 5:30 p.m. We expect the event to sell out, so be sure to RSVP.

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