



Inquiry Science Institute Secures New Private Support

Golden Apple is pleased to announce that The Lloyd A. Fry Foundation and the Portland Cement Company have made initial investments in the **Inquiry Science Institute (ISI)**, Golden Apple's newest initiative focused on improving science instruction in Chicago Public Schools. The Fry Foundation and Portland Cement's respective contributions of \$20,000 and \$10,000 are critical to ISI's public/private funding model.

"The Lloyd A. Fry Foundation is pleased to partner with Golden Apple to implement the ISI program," said Regina Dixon-Reeves, Program Officer at the Foundation. "The increase in core science content knowledge of teachers, and the use of hands-on, inquiry-based methodology, are consistent with the Foundation's funding objectives. We look forward to working with Golden Apple to improve the quality of science instruction in Chicago Public School classrooms."

Participating CPS schools each contribute \$5,000 per year over two years in the ISI program. Foundation grants, corporate sponsorship, and individual gifts fill remaining funding needs.

"We are thrilled to receive the endorsement of the Fry Foundation and Portland Cement for the Inquiry Science Institute," said Dom Belmonte, President and CEO of Golden Apple. "Both organizations recognize the importance of improving science instruction and see our process as truly transformative in instilling confidence in CPS teachers to present science in this exciting way."

Learning, Teaching Fill Scholar Summers

Golden Apple's 2010 Summer Institutes prepared hundreds of Scholars for future success teaching students in Illinois schools of need.

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\$25 for the 25th

In honor of our 25th anniversary, we are asking members of the Golden Apple family to donate one dollar for each of our years in operation. Help us reach our campaign goal of \$25,000 by October 15. Support Golden Apple!

Like Golden Apple—on Facebook

Golden Apple is using Facebook to strengthen communication across the Golden Apple community. Stay current on Golden Apple events and activities. Help us reach our preliminary goal of 2,000 Facebook connections:

1. Visit [Golden Apple's Facebook page](#).
2. "Like" Golden Apple (button top center of page).
3. Think of three other people with an interest in Golden Apple, the teaching profession, or your work in education and "Suggest to Friends" (button under Golden Apple logo, top left of page).

September Free Resource

1991 Golden Apple Fellow Cheryl D. Watkins addresses the pain of bullying that too many students experience. S-CASS is a powerful program that confronts bullies. [Free](#)

Nearly 200 first- or second-year Scholars participated in the 2010 residential **Summer Institute at DePaul**. Participants spent mornings in teaching settings



with Chicago school children and attended afternoon classes to reflect, examine, and learn best practices in teaching. The five-week program included visits to Chicago's museum campus, workshops on college success, presentations on health and agriculture, a panel discussion with the Golden Apple Associates Board, and a forum on social justice.

Sixteen Scholars attended the **Summer Institute at the Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA)**, made possible in part by a federal grant secured by U.S. Senator Richard Durbin. Scholars had the opportunity to work with the faculty and resources at IMSA and to learn inquiry-based teaching techniques from award-winning Golden Apple educators. The Institute culminated in a two-week summer camp for middle school students developed and led by the Scholars.

Eighty Scholars selected from a variety of **teaching, counseling, and camp experiences for their third Summer Institute**. Scholars worked and learned in community organizations like Conexion Comunidad and camps like the Summer Worlds Tour at The Field Museum, Adler Planetarium, and Shedd Aquarium.

Five Scholars participated in a specialized Summer Institute for adult learners with a passion to teach at the early childhood level. The [Early Childhood Education program for Scholars](#) is a partnership between Golden Apple, The Kohl Children's Museum, and National-Louis University.

Seventy Scholars participated in a four-week residential **Summer Institute at Elmhurst College** where they prepared for student teaching roles, developed portfolios, explored best practices, and held mock interviews with Chicago-area principals and administrators. Elmhurst Scholars also had the opportunity to create and implement a tutoring program in nearby schools.

Thanks to all the Academy Fellows, Teachers of Distinction, and Teaching Scholars who planned, taught, and administered these Institutes, benefiting more than 360 participating Scholars.

[Resources from Fellows.](#)

Teachers for Tomorrow – Act Now

- [Register for the Teachers for Tomorrow Conference](#), set for September 25, or [find out more](#).

"I learned how to give my students options, keep cool when

Summer Adventures Inspire Award-Winning Educators

In addition to educating Scholars and colleagues in Golden Apple programs, many Golden Apple Fellows and Teachers of Distinction undertook their own learning adventures over the summer.

2008 Fellow Carol Broos spent five days in Orlando with 100 invited “Apple Distinguished Educators” from around the world at Full Sail University. Groups of six to eight educators created websites, movies, and presentations on topics of teacher interest. (Carol chose professional development.) Apple will make many of the projects available on iTunes University later this year as a resource for other educators. A top music education blogger, at www.beatechie.com, Carol also attended the International Society of Technology Educators conference in Denver, where she participated on a panel discussion, “Dissecting the 21st Century Teacher,” with six other Google Certified educators.

Fellows Louise Huffman ('02) and Bill Grosser ('04)

both attended the IPY Oslo Science Conference, where international polar scientists shared results of the past five years of studies in the Arctic and Antarctic. Both Louise and Bill had abstracts accepted as oral presentations at the science conference and led well attended sessions.

Louise served on the Oslo

Teachers Workshop that brought together 120 educators from 30 countries. The conference also included a cruise up the fjord, exploration of the Antarctic vessel the Fram, and opportunities to interact with Siberian teachers and Arctic reindeer herders.



2008 Teacher of Distinction Mark Nelson rode his motorcycle 1,600 miles to and from his summer job as a Teacher Ranger Teacher in Arizona’s Petrified Forest National Park, part of the national TRT program. His eight-week residency included National Park Service training, research, and discoveries working with wildlife biologists, paleontologists, herpetologists, archeologists, and experts in

Native American studies, among others. Mark documented and edited video footage that is being used for park web sites, onsite documentaries, and as b-roll for projects being assembled at the national park level. He'll use video, drawings, paintings, and sculptures from his summer experience as a resource for his arts curriculum at Stone Academy as well as in other projects.



Working with Scholars was a summer highlight for many Fellows and Teachers of Distinction.

"They have such a drive to learn, teach, and empower others. I don't think they realize how much their inspiration over flows to me."

- Carol Broos

13 a Lucky Number for CORE 2010

The 13th annual CORE conference drew 65 participants—62 Teaching Scholars and three colleagues—to the Chicago campus of Saint Xavier University July 27 – 30. Initiated by Scholars to renew connections, exchange ideas, and inspire continued professional growth, CORE offered sessions and workshops to this year's attendees on topics including yoga, anti-bullying, assessments and data, nutrition, math and science, fine arts, the Danielson framework, special education simulation, recertification, technology, literacy, and more—all providing CPDUs.

CORE Team 2010 worked diligently throughout the school year to provide four days (and evenings) of outstanding professional development for beginning and veteran teachers. Special thanks to CORE's expert presenters, who included:

- Three Golden Apple Board members - Nancy Northrip and Pat and Mike Koldyke
- Three Golden Apple Associates Board members - John Reinert, Matt Zafirovski, and Paras Bhayani
- Eleven Fellows
- Four Teachers of Distinction
- Four Golden Apple Staff

- Thirteen other education experts, consultants and authors



CORE attendees also had the opportunity to enrich their classroom libraries from 68 boxes of new and gently loved books and teacher supplies donated by Golden Apple Fellow Maria Hernandez, Golden Apple Fellow Sue Vani, and Special Ed teacher Andre Probst. A luncheon on the final day honored 12 Teaching Scholars who recently completed their service commitment of five years within Illinois schools of need.

“CORE is my kickoff to school every year. After going to CORE, I feel ready to jump in and start my year rejuvenated. I love meeting with the other Golden Apple Scholars and friends to build on my current knowledge, and to prepare me to become a better teacher.”

- Teaching Scholar

Silent Auction Offers More than a Taste of Adventure

Attendees at the [2010 Golden Apple Awards](#) will have the opportunity to bid on Silent Auction items that tantalize the taste buds, push the limits of adventure, and even realize lifelong dreams. Join us on October 15 and stake your claim, with a generous bid, to these and other not-to-be-missed opportunities!

- Become chef for a day at the world-renowned moto restaurant in Chicago, working side by side with the moto team and Chef Homaro Cantu.
- Walk the path of Julia Childs and master the art of French cooking at Le Cordon Bleu during a five-night stay in Paris.
- Adventure beyond the dining room with opportunities to be a fighter pilot for a day, drive an Indy car on a motor speedway, or enjoy the world’s most magnificent vistas from a hot air balloon.
- Experience the Colbert Report or Late Night with David Letterman from the studio audience.
- Play a round of Golf at the Scottsdale Champions Golf Course.
- Sail in the America’s Cup yacht “Star and Stripes.”

Associates Board BBQ Draws 150, Raises \$7,000

On Thursday, August 12th, the [Golden Apple Associates Board](#) drew approximately 150 young professionals

to its *Back-to-School BBQ* at Casey Moran's in Wrigleyville. GTCR, a Chicago-based private equity firm, sponsored the fundraiser, which raised nearly \$7,000 for Golden Apple and the Golden Apple Scholars program.



Since its founding in early 2009, the Associates Board has expanded to 35 members and already surpassed its 2010 fundraising goal of \$18,000. Members represent various industries, including banking, private equity, consulting, and education.

“We continue to be thrilled with the enthusiasm of our friends and peers for Golden Apple's work,” said Christine Campanelli, co-chair of the Associates Board. “The number of people that attend the Associates Board's events, and the general awareness about Golden Apple's programs, are both growing.”

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