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Attend the Last Associates Board Event of 2010

Fri., November 12, 8-11 p.m.
2 West Erie Street (State & Erie), 26th Floor
Vertigo Sky Lounge at the Dana Hotel, Chicago
Tickets: \$40 in advance, \$50 at door
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Explore "Superman" Activism

Golden Apple is part of a steering committee of leadership for the United Way, with a goal of cutting the number of high school dropouts in half by 2018.
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25th Anniversary Awards Honor Great Educators, Visionaries

More than 500 supporters of Golden Apple and educational excellence gathered at WTTW's production studios on October 15th to honor 10 outstanding teachers: the 2010 Golden Apple Award winners. The black-tie event included an Oscars-style Awards production, dinner, and time to mingle and congratulate the winners, chosen by the Golden Apple Selection Committee from more than 400 applicants. These teachers join 250 previous Award recipients chosen from the Chicago area and central Illinois as Fellows of the Golden Apple Academy of Educators.



Golden Apple presented Charles Ashby Lewis and Penny Bender Sebring with the Stanley C. Golder Community Service Award, in recognition of their significant contributions to Chicago's philanthropic and education communities.

The celebration also recognized the vision of Golden Apple's founders, Mike and Pat Koldyke, and partners, WTTW and Northwestern University. From its beginning mission to distinguish outstanding teachers, Golden Apple has built powerful teacher preparation and development programs, including Golden Apple Scholars and the Inquiry Science Institute, with the help and direction of the Academy of Educators.

Watch the 25th Golden Apple Awards broadcast on WTTW, scheduled for these dates:

- Thursday, November 4, 8 p.m.
- Sunday, November 7, 11 a.m.
- Monday, November 8, 3 a.m.
- and one Prime (11.2) viewing: Friday, November 5, 2 p.m.

October Free Resource

A Chicago Public Radio podcast features 1992 Golden Apple Fellow Judith E. Stein and her contributions as an educator and activist to the Chicago jazz scene. [Free Resources from Fellows.](#)

Like Us 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).

View the [Awards program](#), with Award-winner bios and a two-page [timeline capturing 25 years of Golden Apple](#). [See pictures from the Awards celebration](#). Special thanks to our [event sponsors](#).

"We're very proud of all the Golden Apple winners tonight. On behalf of all the school children in the City of Chicago, we appreciate their great effort, their great commitment [to] improving all of the outcomes of all of our kids."

- **Ron Huberman**, Chief Executive, Chicago Public Schools, at the 2010 Golden Apple Awards

Fellow, Scholar Helps Students in Africa

1993 Golden Apple Scholar and 2006 Fellow Zio Perez traveled solo to Swaziland, Africa this past August where she hand-delivered 50 "goodie bags" filled with school supplies and toys that her preschoolers in Chicago donated as part of their service project. She also visited two schools in Swazi and assessed their needs in order to determine potential partnership with them through the organization she co-founded, SwaziKids International.



Zio followed up with three children sponsored by SwaziKids International for the last three years (two sisters, Tenele and Temabhele, are pictured here with Zio). SwaziKids pays for their school tuition, uniforms, books and basic school supplies. Zio helped start the not-for-profit in 2007 after a trip she took to southern Africa with colleague and friend, Megan Whitney, Golden Apple 2009 Teacher of Distinction. After learning that Swazi has no free public education after 2nd grade, these Golden Apple educators decided to assist in sponsoring Swazi children to attend school. The teachers sought the help of friends, family and community and have raised more than \$15,000 toward the initiative. In June, SwaziKids International received non-profit 501c3 status. Zio is currently Vice-President of SwaziKids.

For more information [visit SwaziKids online](#).

Fellow Contributes to New NASA Curriculum

Tim McCollum, 2008 Fellow (Golden Apple Central Illinois), has a longstanding interest in the US space program. The nation's early astronauts were his childhood heroes and contributed to his decision to become



a science teacher. The sabbatical Tim earned with his Golden Apple Award in 2008 provided him the opportunity to work directly with NASA—and benefit future students—developing a new NASA educational program, Expedition Earth and Beyond.



Expedition Earth and Beyond is designed to engage students across the country in authentic, scientific research utilizing astronaut photography of Earth. The program is now available online, and resources are still being added. Tim's contributions began during his spring 2009 sabbatical and will continue through 2010.

As co-investigator and curriculum writer for the program, Tim paid several visits to the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, where he had the opportunity to talk with an astronaut, scientists, and NASA educational staff; to examine space hardware and modules of the International Space Station; and even to watch the film *Apollo 13* inside the original Apollo mission control.

“That was a multiple goose bump experience!” he said.

Find [Expedition Earth and Beyond online](#). (Note that current resources are being moved to a [new location](#).)

2nd Annual Conference Attracts 150 Teachers for Tomorrow

Chicago's Kenwood Academy was the perfect setting for the 2nd Annual Teachers for Tomorrow Conference on September 25th.



More than 150 participants devoted the entire day to learning what it means to be a teacher and to improving their abilities to expertly guide current and future students. Nearly 50 presenters led 36 sessions, and 15 university and

educational partners offered information for prospective and experienced educators. Many volunteers contributed to the successful event, including a group of students from Proviso East High School who worked non-stop from 6am-5pm. Everyone was fully dedicated to enriching, enlightening, and encouraging new and prospective educators.

The day included many highlights:

- Keynote speaker Greg Michie, 1996 Golden Apple Fellow and Author of *Holler If You Hear Me*, inspired the audience with rich stories of his educational experiences.
- Presenters from the Golden Apple family of Fellows, Teachers of Distinction, Teaching Scholars, and Educational Partners offered valuable perspectives on being an expert teacher and reaching all students.
- Golden Apple's own Dom Belmonte shared "The Joys of Teaching."
- Students read award-winning essays about their experiences with amazing teachers.
- Informal, interactive roundtable conversations connected high-energy educators who shared their passion for the field.
- Jim Sorensen, 1999 Fellow and Director of Golden Apple Scholars, presented Scholars program information with the help of Teaching Scholars and encouraged attendees to explore this preparation and scholarship opportunity.

Participant comments included: "Superb presenters and conference," "I am totally inspired," "great personal stories shared with examples of specific situations and how to handle them," "well organized, cost friendly, enriching, fabulous presenters," and "Teachers Rock!"

The Teachers For Tomorrow Planning Committee thanks all those who assisted with the conference this year and has already begun planning the 3rd annual event.

"I found this conference to be very important as I create my educational philosophy."

- Conference participant and current student in a graduate-level education program

Scholars Help American Indian Center Secure Grant

Over the summer, Scholars interned at the American Indian Center during Golden Apple's Summer Institute at De Paul and participated in an Associates Board volunteer day at the center. Now AIC, which provides free after-school and summer tutoring and mentoring to Chicago-area American Indian students, has received a \$1,200 grant thanks in part to Scholars. 2010 Scholar Nora Nagle and others in Golden Apple Fellow Karla Daye's Summer Institute Reflective Seminar originally drafted a grant application to build up the computer lab at AIC, then identified a more immediate need and grant opportunity to provide students with school supplies and backpacks at a back-to-school pow-wow. MAP Realty provided the needed funding to AIC.

Food Depository Volunteer Day Makes An Impact

At a Golden Apple Associates Board and Scholars volunteer day at the Greater Chicago Food Depository, participants packaged more than one thousand meals for hungry children. 2005 Golden Apple Teaching Scholar Steve Sanders brought his advisory group of students to help and noted that “it had a profound effect on them; knowing that what they did helped out someone in need.”



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