



## Milken Family Foundation

### 2010 National Educator Awards Fact Sheet

#### **The Awards**

The largest teacher recognition program in the U.S., the Milken Educator Awards provide public recognition and an unrestricted financial award of \$25,000 to elementary and secondary school teachers, principals and specialists who are furthering excellence in education. Each Milken Educator also receives an all-expenses-paid trip to Los Angeles, California, to participate in the Milken Educator Forum held in the spring.

#### **Key Statistics**

- Established by the Milken Family Foundation
- 55 new 2010 Milken Educators from across the U.S.
- First Awards presented in 1987
- More than 2,500 Milken Educator Award recipients since inception
- More than \$1.3 million presented to 2010 Milken Educators
- Over \$62 million in Awards since inception
- Awards alternate yearly between elementary and secondary educators

#### **24<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Notifications**

During the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual National Notifications tour, which begins in October, 55 exceptional teachers, principals and specialists from across the country—recommended without their knowledge by a blue-ribbon panel appointed by each participating state's department of education—will be surprised by the news of their \$25,000 Awards, which can be used in any way they wish. Each year, newly selected recipients are taken completely by surprise at schoolwide assemblies. With an entourage of distinguished officials and media, a Foundation representative or the state chief of education typically notifies the recipient, often accompanied by the governor and other state and federal leaders.

#### **Milken Educator Network**

The Milken Educator Network is a voluntary association of more than 2,500 Milken Educators and other exemplary educators and business leaders throughout the nation, whose expertise serves as a valuable resource to fellow educators, legislators, school boards and others shaping the future of education.

#### **Milken Family Foundation**

The Milken Family Foundation was established in 1982 to discover and advance inventive and effective ways of helping people help themselves and those around them lead productive and satisfying lives. The Santa Monica, California-based Foundation advances this mission primarily through its work in education and medical research. Website: [www.mff.org](http://www.mff.org).

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