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## News Release

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### ARKANSAS TEACHER OF THE YEAR HONORED WITH NATIONAL AWARD

LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Department of Education congratulates Kathy Powers, a literacy teacher at Simon Intermediate School in Conway and the 2011 Arkansas Teacher of the Year, for receiving a prestigious national teaching award.

Powers is one of 35 across the country to receive the Award for Teaching Excellence. The award given by the National Education Association Foundation recognizes those who promote excellence in teaching and advocacy for the profession.

The NEA Foundation and the National Education Association jointly present the awards with support from California Casualty, Horace Mann Educators Corporation, NEA Member Benefits, and Pearson Foundation. Awardees were honored at a gala in Washington, DC last month.

The winners receive a 10-day educational and cultural tour to China this summer where they will visit Beijing and Shanghai. The tour will include visits to schools and interaction with educators there to gain an understanding of the education system in China.

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