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### **Laying the Foundation Selects Outstanding Educators for First Annual Teacher Awards**

DALLAS, TEXAS – National teacher training program Laying the Foundation (LTF) is pleased to announce the six recipients of the first annual Teacher and Trainer of the Year Awards, an award program honoring some of the country's most dedicated teachers.

The LTF Teacher of the Year Award highlights professional educators who consistently implement what they have learned in LTF Training into their classrooms and who thereby empower students for college and career readiness. The 2012 LTF Teachers of the Year are as follows:

**Mary Pennington**, Math Teacher, Pflugerville ISD, Texas  
**Jeanne Parlange**, Science Teacher, Pasadena ISD, Texas  
**Emily Howell**, English Teacher, Lincoln Parish Schools, Louisiana

The LTF Trainer of the Year Award recognizes particularly outstanding LTF Trainers who have embraced the LTF philosophy of instruction and who model it with teachers in their sessions, supporting and empowering them to become more effective in their own classrooms. The educators receiving the honor of 2012 LTF Trainer of the Year are:

**Marianne Cavanaugh**, Math Trainer, Project Opening Doors, Connecticut  
**Robert Gonzales**, Science Trainer, Austin ISD, Texas  
**Barbara Abbe**, English Trainer, Retired from Lubbock ISD, Texas

Each recipient will be presented with a prize of \$2,000 and the new iPad at an awards banquet on Saturday, May 5, at the Omni Dallas Hotel at Park West in Dallas, Texas.

To learn more about LTF's comprehensive professional development program, visit [www.lfttraining.org](http://www.lfttraining.org).

#### **About Laying the Foundation**

[Laying the Foundation](#), a division of the [National Math and Science Initiative](#), is dedicated to providing the best content-based, pedagogy-driven, teacher-to-teacher training, supported by rigorous classroom-ready lessons and web-based resources to improve the quality of math, science, and English instruction. LTF has trained over 36,000 teachers since 2001 and has demonstrated dramatic increases in Advanced Placement exam participation and success in STEM subjects. LTF believes that training, mentoring, and empowering the teacher corps will lead to high standards of academic excellence for all students.

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