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2008 Recipients of Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence Announced

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32 Outstanding Science Teachers and Schools Recognized in Amgen Communities Across the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--June 5, 2008--Amgen (NASDAQ:AMGN) today announced the 32 science teachers across the United States (U.S.), Canada and Puerto Rico who are this year's recipients of the Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence, a program designed to recognize teachers in the K-12 grade levels in public and private schools whose dedication to their students' education has had a significant impact on the learning and interest of the future generation of scientists.

All of the individuals honored have demonstrated an outstanding ability to inspire their students and produce results in science education. In 2008, Amgen expanded the Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence to teachers in Canada. The winners of the 17th annual Amgen Science Teaching Awards program were honored at special ceremonies in their respective Amgen communities or during surprise presentations at their schools. The 2008 award recipients are:

California
Victoria Acquistapace, DeLa Salle High School in Concord
Sergio de Alba, R.M. Miano Elementary in Los Banos
Suzanna Gough Johnson, Colfax High School in Colfax
James T. Ikeda, San Mateo High School in San Mateo
Steve Sogo, Laguna Beach High School in Laguna Beach
Elisa M. Stone, Berkeley High School in Berkeley

Colorado
Haydee Phelps, Summit Middle Charter School in Boulder
Bradley Loucks, Redlands Middle School in Grand Junction
Grace DeBacker, Nevin Platt Middle School in Boulder
Sandra Smith, William J. Palmer High School in Colorado Springs

Kentucky
Ellie Vandivier, Mercer County Elementary School in Harrodsburg
Catherina Wiley, Barren County High School in Glasgow
Melissa Evans, Corbin Middle School in Corbin
Troy Schuknecht, Shawnee High School in Louisville

Massachusetts
Charles Duggan, Watertown High School in Watertown
Erin L. Flynn, John D. Philbrick Elementary in Roslindale
Kristen Cacciatore, East Boston High School in Boston
Christine Brothers, Falmouth High School in Falmouth

Rhode Island
Mathew Bottone, The Pennfield School in Portsmouth
Joyce Martinelli, Western Coventry Elementary School in Coventry
Ann Walkup, Cranston High School East in Cranston
William Brew III, Coventry High School in Coventry

Washington
Deborah Rumbaugh, Auburn Mountainview High School in Auburn
Laura Baumgartner, Robinswood High School in Bellevue
Dana Stairs, Fall City Elementary School in Fall City
Jessica Levine, Eckstein Middle School in Seattle

Puerto Rico
Alexandra Rodriguez Negron, Commonwealth - Parkville School in San Juan
Javier Gonzalez Delgado, Intermedia Rafael Irizarry Rivera in Penuelas
Marialuisa Colon Santiago, Esc. de la Comunidad Silvia Torres Torres in Villalba
Mirma J. Berrios Figueroa, Leoncio Melendez in Las Piedras

Canada
Gregg Mitchell, Timberline Secondary School in Campbell River, British Columbia
Casey Wilson, William Grenville Davis in Brampton, Ontario

Amgen established the Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence to demonstrate the company's commitment to advancing science education. Since the program's inception in 1992, Amgen has awarded more than $2 million to educators who have made exceptional science-teaching contributions and who have had a measurable impact on the lives of their students.

"Amgen is delighted to honor the accomplishments and dedication of this year's winners. These exceptional teachers are helping to transform young lives by inspiring their students to be excited about learning and science," said Phyllis Piano, vice president Corporate Communications and Philanthropy, Amgen.

The 32 selected winners will receive the following benefits:

-- An unrestricted cash award of $5,000 USD or $5,000 CAD; and

-- A restricted $5,000 USD or $5,000 CAD cash grant to the recipient's school for the expansion or enhancement of a school science program, science resources, or the professional development of the school's science teachers;

Along with the award applications, teachers were asked to submit an innovative science lesson plan which had been successfully introduced in their classroom. Amgen will post the winning lesson plans to its Web site to promote the sharing of this knowledge with educators across the country to bolster excellence and innovation in science teaching.

Amgen partnered with the University of Wisconsin - Madison School of Education to judge the teaching awards in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. The School's Department of Curriculum and Instruction is consistently recognized as a leader in education, and their expertise aided in the selection of the strongest possible winners.

Nominations are solicited every fall with winners selected based on the following criteria: innovative science lesson plan, creativity of teaching methods, effectiveness in the classroom and the plan for the use of grant money to improve science education resources in their schools.

For more information about this year's winners and the program, please visit http://www.amgen.com/citizenship/aaste.html.

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