



2003 Rhode Island Recipients of Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence Announced

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THOUSAND OAKS, Calif., May 5, 2003 - Amgen (NASDAQ:AMGN) the world's largest biotechnology company, has announced the two science teachers in Rhode Island who are this year's recipients of the Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence. The Amgen awards honor public or private school science teachers, grades K-12, who demonstrate outstanding science teaching and have a great impact on the lives of their students. Each teacher will receive an unrestricted \$10,000 award at a dinner event in June. For more information about the award please call the teachers below or the Amgen contact. The 2003 winners are:

- Jane Carlson-Pickering, of Hope Valley Elementary School, Hope Valley:

(401) 539-2321

- Edward Ferrario, of Forest Park Elementary School, North Kingstown:

(401) 541-6380

Nominations are made by submitting a form and/or letter to Amgen describing why the teacher should be recognized for science teaching expertise. Nomination forms were published in newspapers, posted on Amgen's web site, and news releases were widely distributed.

A panel of three independent judges selected the winners. Judges based their decisions on evidence of the recipients' creativity and effectiveness in the classroom; their application and development of best practices in science education; their motivational ability; and their mastery of the subject matter and instructional skill.

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In addition to the Rhode Island program, the Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence is granted in California, Colorado, Kentucky, Puerto Rico and Washington, locations where Amgen has facilities. Amgen has conducted the awards program for teaching excellence for 12 years. This is the second year the awards have focused solely on science teaching, and the first year the awards have considered statewide applicants in Rhode Island.

Amgen is a global biotechnology company that discovers, develops, manufactures and markets important human therapeutics based on advances in cellular and molecular biology.

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