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32 outstanding teachers named finalists for Golden Apple Awards

(CHICAGO — Jan. 31, 2005) The Golden Apple Foundation today announced the names of 32 Chicago-area finalists for the 2005 Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching in grades 4 through 8.

A total of 747 teachers from Cook, Lake and DuPage counties were nominated for the award, which was first presented in 1986. Ten Golden Apple Award winners, selected from the 32 finalists, will be announced on March 9 and March 10.

The 32 finalists include

- **15 Chicago public-school teachers** (including two from Boone Elementary School)
- **2 Chicago Catholic-school teachers** (from St. Clement Elementary School and Frances Xavier Ward School, Old St. Patrick campus)
- **1 Chicago Jewish-school teacher** (from Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School)
- **14 suburban public-school teachers** (including two from Winnetka)

The suburban schools are located in Arlington Heights, Hoffman Estates, Itasca, Lincolnwood, Lisle, Naperville, Oak Park, Palatine, Rolling Meadows, Wheaton, Wilmette, Winnetka (2), and Zion

For the first time in the 20-year history of the awards, one of the finalists, Carolyn Collins-Maragh, received her teacher preparation through the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program, which selects, prepares and mentors outstanding high school and college students to teach the neediest children in classrooms across the state. The Scholars program was conceived and developed by the Golden Apple Academy, which is comprised of previous Golden Apple Award winners.

Collins-Maragh, 30, a 1991 Scholar, teaches 7th and 8th grades at Alcott Elementary School, 2625 N. Orchard St. in Chicago. She is a graduate of Chicago's Von Steuben High School and DePaul University.

A complete list of finalists and their schools is attached.

The finalists will be honored Saturday, February 12 at the Celebration of Excellence in Teaching from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. in Chicago.

The Awards selection committee is comprised of more than 90 Chicago-area educators. Two committee members will observe each of the 32 finalists in the classroom and interview their principal and selected colleagues, parents and students. The 10 Golden Apple Award winners will be announced on March 9 and March 10. The winners will be honored at a 20th anniversary awards ceremony on May 7 at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers, which subsequently will be aired as a one-hour prime-time special on WTTW/Channel 11.

Each of the 10 Golden Apple Award winners will receive a tuition-free fall-term sabbatical at Northwestern University, a personal computer from Apple, \$2,500, and induction into the Golden Apple Academy, which now numbers 190 expert teachers who work together to ensure that all children have the excellent teachers they deserve.

2005 Golden Apple Award Finalists
(Grades 4-8)

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| Ketty Ash Grade 5 | West Elementary School 2412 Jethro Ave. 847-746-8222 | Zion |
| Seth A. Baker Grade 6 | Percy Julian Junior High School 416 S. Ridgeland Ave. 708-524-3040 | Oak Park |
| Joan I. Berger Grades 7, 8 | Carleton Washburne Junior High School 515 Hibbard Rd. 847-446-5892 | Winnetka |
| Kim Brasfield Grade 8 | Carver Middle School 801 E. 133 rd Pl. 773-535-5656 | Chicago |
| Mary E. Carney Grades 4, 5 | Peterson Elementary School 5510 N. Christiana Ave. 773-534-5070 | Chicago |
| Kathleen Cochrane Grades 3, 4 | Stuart R. Paddock School 225 W. Washington St. 847-963-5800 | Palatine |
| Carolyn R. Collins-Maragh Grades 7, 8 | Alcott Elementary School 2625 N. Orchard St. 773-534-5460 | Chicago |
| Catherine A. Conde Grades Pre-K – 8 (Art) | Ravenswood Elementary School 4332 N. Paulina St. 773-534-5525 | Chicago |
| Marie (Mimi) K. Conrad Grade 4 | Kimball Hill School 2905 Meadow Dr. 847-963-5200 | Rolling Meadows |
| Paula Q. Drews Grades 4, 5 | Lincoln Prairie School 505 Hillcrest Blvd. 847-885-6766 | Hoffman Estates |
| Arlene Garcia Grades 6-8 | Belmont-Cragin Elementary School 2456 N. Mango 773-534-2900 | Chicago |
| Jill G. Gontovnick Grade 5 | Highcrest Middle School 569 Hunter Rd. 847-853-2900 | Wilmette |
| David L. Hollander Grade 8 | Kennedy Junior High School 2929 Green Trails Dr. 630-420-3233 | Lisle |
| Victoria E. Hollister Grade 7 | Hubble Middle School 603 S. Main St. 630-682-2160 | Wheaton |
| Craig Johnson Grade 5 | Arthur E. Cauty Elementary School 3740 N. Panama Ave. 773-534-1238 | Chicago |
| Tiffany M. King Grade 5 | Pierce Elementary School 1423 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. 773-534-2440 | Chicago |
| Randall J. Kulik Grades 6-8 (Band) | Jefferson Junior High School 1525 N. Loomis St. 630-305-4610 | Naperville |
| Tracy N. Kwock Grade 6 (Reading) | KIPP Ascend Charter School 4820 W. Walton St., 3 rd Floor 773-261-9972 | Chicago |
| Maurice C. LaBonte Grade 5 | Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School 3751 N. Broadway Ave. 773-281-1858 | Chicago |
| Andrew J. MacCrimmon Grades 6-8 (Art, Film & Video) | Lincoln Hall Middle School 6855 N. Crawford Ave. 847-675-8240 | Lincolnwood |
| Alanna L. Mertens Grades 7-8 (Math, Science & Writing) | Norwood Park Elementary School 5900 N. Nina Ave. 773-534-1198 | Chicago |

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| Michelle M. Navarre Grade 5 | Harold Washington Elementary School 9130 S. University Ave. 773-535-6225 | Chicago |
| Carol B. Nulph Grades 6-8 (Special Education) | Peacock Middle School 301 E. North St. 630-773-0335 | Itasca |
| Molly K. Reed Grade 8 | Gray Elementary School 3730 N. Laramie Ave. 773-534-3550 | Chicago |
| Justus (Jesse) G. Roe Pre-K – 8 (Music) | St. Clement School 2524 N. Orchard St. 773-348-8212 | Chicago |
| Anthony W. Rowe Grade 5 | The Skokie School 520 Glendale Ave. 847-441-1750 | Winnetka |
| Mathias (Spider) J. Schergen Grades Pre-K – 8 (Visual Art) | Jenner Academy of the Arts 1119 N. Cleveland Ave. 773-534-8440 | Chicago |
| Satsuki Sharon Takahashi Grade 7 (Social Studies) | Thomas Middle School 1430 N. Belmont Ave. 847-398-4260 | Arlington Heights |
| Elisabeth C. Trost Grade 4 | Boone Elementary School 6710 N. Washtenaw Ave. 773-534-2160 | Chicago |
| Roel N. Vivit Grade 4 | Frances Xavier Warde School — Old St. Patrick's Campus 120 S. Des Plaines 312-466-0700 | Chicago |
| Barbara A. Walsh Grade 5 | Boone Elementary School 6710 N. Washtenaw Ave. 773-534-22160 | Chicago |
| Lorianne Zaimi Grades 7, 8 (Math) | Sabin Magnet School 2216 W. Hirsch St. 773-534-4461 | Chicago |