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Five Teachers Selected as State Finalists for Presidential Math & Science Teaching Award

Five Virginia teachers have been selected as state finalists for the 2014 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The award — regarded as the nation's top honor for mathematics and science teachers — recognizes teachers who develop and implement high-quality instructional programs that improve student learning.

The Virginia nominees — four public school teachers and one private school educator — are as follows:

- Barbara-Ann Adcock — Pocahontas Elementary, Powhatan County Public Schools, for science
- Susan Eckenrode — John Wayland Elementary, Rockingham County Public Schools, for science
- Eric Imbrescia — Peak View Elementary, Rockingham County Public Schools, for mathematics
- Margret Journell — Eastern Elementary and Middle, Giles County Public Schools, for mathematics
- Ryan McKinney — The Langley School in McLean, for science

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching program is administered by the National Science Foundation on behalf of the White House. Each year, the award alternates between teachers in grades K-6 and teachers in grades 7-12.

The program was established by Congress in 1983 and authorizes the president to bestow up to 108 awards each year to honor outstanding mathematics and science teachers in the 50 states and in Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, Department of Defense schools and schools in federal territories.

The Virginia finalists were selected from among more than 50 nominees by committees convened by the Virginia Department of Education.

President Obama is expected to announce the 2014 winners next year. The winners will receive \$10,000, a presidential certificate and a trip to the nation's capital for a series of recognition events and professional development activities.

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