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## Four Virginia Teachers Earn Presidential Mathematics & Science Teaching Awards

Four Virginia teachers are among 213 educators named by President Barack Obama on August 22 as recipients of the 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 following Virginia teachers were recognized by the White House:

- [Barbara-Ann Adcock](#), formerly an elementary school teacher at Pocahontas Elementary School in Powhatan County, earned the presidential award for K-6 science. Adcock is now the STEM Coach for Powhatan County Public Schools.
- [Eric Imbrescia](#), formerly an elementary school teacher at Peak View Elementary School in Rockingham County, earned the K-6 award for mathematics. Imbrescia is currently a mathematics methods instructor at James Madison University.
- [Kelle Lyn Scott](#), a middle school mathematics teacher at Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax County, earned the award for 7-12 mathematics.
- [Camilla Walck](#), science teacher at Princess Anne High School in Virginia Beach, earned the award for 7-12 science.

The four teachers were among the Virginia state finalists in each content area selected by review committees convened by the Virginia Department of Education.

“Each of these teachers has demonstrated excellence in professional practice and high levels of student engagement in their respective disciplines,” Superintendent of Public Instruction Steven R. Staples said. “I look forward to personally congratulating these four outstanding teachers on the much-deserved recognition.”

The application process requires nominees to provide evidence of deep content knowledge and exemplary pedagogical skills and focuses on the following five dimensions of teaching:

- Mastery of mathematics or science content appropriate for the grade level taught;
- Use of instructional methods and strategies that are appropriate for students in the class and support student learning;
- Effective use of assessments to evaluate, monitor and improve student learning;
- Reflective practice and life-long learning to improve teaching and student learning; and
- Leadership in education outside the classroom.

All four teachers will each receive a \$10,000 unrestricted award from the National Science Foundation, a presidential certificate, and a trip to the nation’s capital later this year for a series of recognition events and professional development activities.

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

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