

# LEADING TEACHING LEARNING : Quality Defined

2008 National Teacher of the Year Program Conference  
Sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers and the ING Foundation  
January 30—February 2, 2008 — Dallas, Texas

## AGENDA

### Tuesday, January 29, 2008

All Day	Teacher of the Year Arrival	
4:00–6:00 pm	Registration	ATRIUM I
6:00–8:00 pm	Welcome Buffet Dinner	ATRIUM II
	Dinner Sponsored by	

### Wednesday, January 30, 2008

All Day	Coordinator Arrival	
7:00–8:30 am	Continental Breakfast	LBJ ROOM
8:30 am–12:00 pm	SMART Technologies Training	EISENHOWER 1 & 2
12:00–1:00 pm	Buffet Lunch	ROOM 240
1:00–4:30 pm	SMART Technologies Training	EISENHOWER 1 & 2



Wednesday, January 30, 2008 continued

6:00–8:30 pm Opening Reception and Buffet Dinner ATRIUM II

Remarks

**Jon Quam**

Director, National Teacher of the Year Program

Teaching, Learning, Leading: Quality Defined

**Mary Beth Blegen**

1996 National Teacher of the Year

Education Consultant, Saint Paul Public Schools

Thursday, January 31, 2008

7:00–9:00 am Continental Breakfast LBJ ROOM

8:30–8:55 am SMARTer Kids Foundation Coordinators Meeting EISENHOWER 3  
**Carolyn Bridge**  
Manager, Teaching Excellence Awards  
SMARTer Kids Foundation of Canada

9:00 am–12:00 pm General Session I LBJ ROOM

9:00–10:00 am Welcome, Introductions & Setting the Scene  
**Jon Quam**  
Director, National Teacher of the Year Program

10:00–10:30 am Time to Refresh

10:30 am–12:00 pm CCSSO: A Vision for the Future  
**Gene Wilhoit**  
Executive Director, CCSSO

12:00–1:00 pm Lunch ATRIUM II



Thursday, January 31, 2008 continued

1:00 pm–3:30 pm      General Session II      LBJ ROOM

1:00–2:30 pm      [Education Directions-Federal/National Trends](#)

**Scott Palmer**

Partner, Holland & Knight

2:30–2:45 pm      Time to Refresh

2:45–3:30 pm      [A Year Of Opportunity!](#)

[National State Teachers of the Year \(NSTOY\)](#)

**Carol Strickland**, 1999 Kansas Teacher of the Year

Director of Finance & Membership, NSTOY

**Peggy Allan**, 1989 Illinois Teacher of the Year

President, NSTOY

**Edna Rogers**, 1989 Tennessee Teacher of the Year

Past-president, NSTOY

[Education Commission of the States National Forum](#)

June 30-July 2, 2008. Austin, TX

[International Space Camp](#)

July 25-August 1, 2008

**Taunya Sweet**

U.S. Space & Rocket Center

Huntsville, AL

[Next Steps Conference](#)

September 25-27, 2008; Princeton, NJ

**Katherine Bassett**,

New Jersey Teacher of the Year 2000

Educational Testing Service

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Program and Educational Testing Service*

[Pearson Video Project](#)

September 28-30, 2008

New York, NY

Sponsored by the Pearson Foundation



Thursday, January 31, 2008 continued

3:30 pm–4:30 **Teacher's Processing Session #1** LBJ ROOM  
**Mary Beth Blegen**  
1996 National Teacher of the Year  
Consultant, Saint Paul Public Schools

3:30–4:30 pm **Coordinator's Issues Session #1** EISENHOWER 3  
**Bobbie O'Boyle**  
Arizona Education Foundation  
  
**Carol Drechsel**  
Department of Defense Education Activity

5:30 pm Buses Depart Hotel Ballroom Entrance

6:00–9:00 pm **Dallas World Aquarium – Mundo Maya**  
**Exhibit Exploration, Reception, and Dinner**

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Friday, February 1, 2008

7:00–9:00 am Continental Breakfast LBJ ROOM

9:00 am–12:30 pm Issues Focus General Session LBJ ROOM

**Leadership Defined**

**Jason Kamras**

2005 National Teacher of the Year  
District of Columbia Public Schools

**Changing from the Ground Up!**

**Betsy Rogers**

2003 National Teacher of the Year  
Brighton Schools, Birmingham, AL



## Friday, February 1, 2008 continued

12:30–1:15 pm	Lunch	ATRIUM II
1:30–3:00 pm	eInstruction training for Teachers of the Year	LBJ ROOM
1:30–3:00 pm	<b>Coordinators Issues Session #2</b> <b>Bonita Hampton</b> Florida Teacher of the Year Program  <b>Danny Holloman</b> North Carolina Teacher of the Year Program	MADISON

*(The remainder of the day is unscheduled time.)*

## Saturday, February 2, 2008

7:00–9:00 am	Continental Breakfast	LBJ ROOM
9:00 am–12:00 pm	General Session III	LBJ ROOM
9:00–10:20 am	<b>Teachers are Policy Makers Too</b> <b>Patty Myers</b> 1998 Montana Teacher of the Year Chairperson, Montana Board of Public Education	
10:20 – 10:40 am	Time to Refresh	
10:40 am–12:00 pm	<b>Living With the Media</b> <b>Doug Doohar</b> Communications Specialist, Education Minnesota  <b>Joe Lowenthal</b> Past President, National School Public Relations Association	

Saturday, February 2, 2008 continued

12:00–1:30 pm	Lunch	ATRIUM II
1:30–4:00 pm	<b>Teacher's Processing Session #2</b> <b>Mary Beth Blegen</b> 1996 National Teacher of the Year	LBJ ROOM
1:30–4:00 pm	<b>Coordinator's Issues Session #3</b>	EISENHOWER 3
6:30–9:30 pm	Reception and Dinner	CONSERVATORY FOYER REFLECTIONS

Introduction of the  
**2008 National Teacher of the Year Finalists**

**Andrea Peterson**  
2007 National Teacher of the Year

Sunday, February 3, 2008

AM	Continental Breakfast	ATRIUM I
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