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## 2010 Innovation in Education Awards

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### **Purpose**

Project Tomorrow, a national education nonprofit organization headquartered in Orange County, supports innovative, research-based uses of science, math and technology resources to develop critical thinking, problem solving and creativity in K-12 students. Our vision is to prepare today's students to be tomorrow's innovators, leaders and engaged citizens.

The *Project Tomorrow Innovation in Education Awards* recognizes educational leaders and students for their innovative uses of science, math and technology in the classroom and community. The *2010 Innovation Award* categories are: Innovative School Program, High Impact Teacher and Emerging Student Innovator.

The *Project Tomorrow 2010 Innovation in Education Awards* will be presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual High Tech Awards black tie reception on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> in conjunction with TechAmerica's own corporate awards. This high profile event attracts over 300 business and community leaders each year. **Award finalists and a guest will be hosted at the reception.** Award recipients will receive regional and national recognition through both online and traditional media outlets. **The winning Principal will receive \$1,500 to use to expand a science, math or technology program at their school. The winning Teacher will receive \$1,000 to use to expand a science, math or technology program in their classroom.**

### **Eligibility**

All Orange County public school districts (including ROP districts) and their schools, private schools, parochial schools and affiliated principals, classroom teachers, and high school students are eligible for the awards. Nominations may be self-submitted or may be submitted by a district and/or school staff person, supporting organization such as a PTA unit, parent advisory committee, or youth-based organization(s).

### **Awards Process**

- Project Tomorrow must receive all nomination forms by **5 pm on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 either via fax (949.609.4665) or email ([cgillis@tomorrow.org](mailto:cgillis@tomorrow.org)).**
- The Innovation Awards Review Committee will evaluate all nominations and if necessary contact the nominated district, school, teacher or student for additional information.
- All finalists will be notified by Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Finalists must be available to attend the Finalists' reception and participate in a short videotaping – details will be available at a later date. Recipients will be announced live at the High Tech Awards Dinner on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Irvine (CA).

### **Information**

For additional information, please contact Cindy Gillis at [cgillis@tomorrow.org](mailto:cgillis@tomorrow.org) or Marianne Miller at 949.609.4660 ext 13. To print additional copies of this application, visit: <http://www.tomorrow.org/programs/innovationawards.html>

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***Innovative School Program of the Year in Science, Math and Technology***

***Implementing best practice is replicating yesterday;  
innovation is designing tomorrow. (Paul Sloane)***

**Award Criteria:** Awarded to the Orange County School Principal whose innovative leadership in science, math and technology is demonstrated through an outstanding, results based school-wide program.

For this nomination, please complete the following application and email it to Cindy Gillis at [cgillis@tomorrow.org](mailto:cgillis@tomorrow.org). **Specific, tangible examples** will be very helpful in our evaluation process.

School Program \_\_\_\_\_

Principal \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_

School contact (if different) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

***This nomination has been submitted by:***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

School/District/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Open-ended responses should be less than 2 pages in length (total):

- As Principal, what is your vision of “innovation in education” and how has that vision been communicated to your stakeholders?
- Describe in detail an innovative school wide program that you have implemented to drive improved student achievement in science, math and/or technology.
- What have been the tangible and intangible results on student achievement in science, math or technology as a result of your leadership?
- What do you think is the role and/or responsibility of the education community in driving Orange County’s economic competitiveness?

By submitting this application, I agree to have our school nominated for the *Project Tomorrow 2010 Innovation in Education Award*. I also acknowledge and agree to attend a finalist reception, participate in studies, surveys and conversations to share our knowledge and experiences to help other schools and districts learn how to leverage science, math and technology resources to drive greater student achievement.

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**High Impact Teacher of the Year in Science, Math and Technology**

*Imagination is more important than knowledge – for while knowledge points to all that is, imagination points to all there will be. (Albert Einstein)*

**Award Criteria:** Awarded to the Orange County Teacher whose innovative uses of science, math or technology in the classroom has significantly impacted their students’ academic achievements.

For this nomination, please complete the following application and email it to Cindy Gillis at [cgillis@tomorrow.org](mailto:cgillis@tomorrow.org). **Specific, tangible examples** will be very helpful in our evaluation process.

Nominated Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current Assignment \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Grade/Class/Content Area) \_\_\_\_\_  
 School \_\_\_\_\_  
 School contact (if different) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**This nomination has been submitted by:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 School/District/Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Open-ended responses should be less than 2 pages in length (total):

- As a Teacher, what is your vision of “innovation in education” and how does that vision apply in your classroom?
- Describe in detail how you have used science, math and/or technology resources in an innovative way to drive improved student achievement.
- What have been the tangible and intangible results on student achievement in science, math or technology as a result of your leadership?
- What do you think is the role and/or responsibility of the education community in driving Orange County’s economic competitiveness?

By submitting this application, I agree to be nominated for the *Project Tomorrow 2010 Innovation in Education Award*. I also acknowledge and agree to attend a finalist reception, participate in studies, surveys and conversations to share my knowledge and experiences about using science, math and technology resources to drive greater student achievement.

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