

October 19, 2010

North Boone Middle School Teacher Named Teacher of the Week

North Boone CUSD 200 is pleased to announce that Dana Rosenquist, North Boone Middle School English Teacher, was named Teacher of the Week by 97 ZOK, a Rockford radio station.

Friday, October 15, 2010, during the Steve Shannon Show, they selected Ms. Rosenquist as the "Teacher of the Week" for the week of October 18. Today, 97ZOK delivered breakfast from Panera Bread for the NBMS Staff and a special gift to Ms. Rosenquist from Broadway Florist.

Ms. Rosenquist has taught for North Boone for the past five years. Kevin Finnegan, the NBMS assistant principal stated that this was a well deserved honor for Ms. Rosenquist.



Ms. Dana Rosenquist with her 3rd period English Class and the 97 ZOK Van

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October 20, 2010

North Boone High School Teacher Receives IRTA Grant

North Boone CUSD 200 is pleased to announce that Deb Torrison, NBHS Social Studies Teacher, received a grant for \$370.72 from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association.

The Grant proposal stated that “Combining simulation exercises with visual representations of data that students are typically only exposed to in the form of raw numbers or text creates a powerful educational experience. All students can benefit from the opportunity to see the world from a new perspective.”

The materials will be used in the NBHS world cultures course. Ms. Torrison has taught for North Boone for the past fourteen years.



NBHS Principal Chris Troller, Deb Torrison and Superintendent Steven Baule

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Press Release

For Immediate Release: October 2010

The Excellence in Education Grants for Teachers Program Awards Over \$15,000 in Grant Money

The Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation (IRTAF) awards a total of over \$15,000 in grant money to several public school educators (Pre-K through 12) in Northern Illinois counties. IRTAF is affiliated with the Illinois Retired Teachers Association, a lobbying group for retired educators, with a current membership of over 32,000. On October 20, 2010, **Debra Torrison** was awarded his/her IRTAF grant check. Below, you will find more information on the winner, along with his/her school, the amount of the award, and a summarized paragraph of the project in the winner's own words.

Debra Torrison, North Boone High School, Poplar Grove (\$370.72)

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The IRTA Foundation designed this program based on the idea that educators often do not have additional revenue sources available for unique student projects or classroom materials. This program allotted a total of \$15,000 to Illinois public school educators for these purposes. During this program year, the following counties were included: Aurora Area (Kane), Blackhawk (Rock Island), Boone, Bureau, Carroll, DeKalb, Elgin Area (Kane), Grundy, Henry, Jo Daviess, Kendall, Knox, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, Livingston, Marshall, McHenry, Mercer, North Lake Shore (Cook), NorthWest Suburban (Cook), Ogle, Putnam, Stark, Stephenson, Whiteside, Winnebago, and Woodford.

Applicants were required to meet the proper criteria and to submit their proposals by mid-September. The IRTAF Ad Hoc Committee met in September to select the grant recipients. Winners were contacted in October and awards are being presented now. The Illinois Principals Association played a vital role in assisting IRTAF with the promotion of this program.

For more information, please contact
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www.irtaonline.org.