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MathScience Innovation Center Educator Selected For Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Math, and Engineering Teaching

Carrie Persing, a faculty member at the MathScience Innovation Center, has been selected for the prestigious 2009 Presidential Award for Science, Math and Engineering Teaching. Persing is a former math teacher at Harrowgate Elementary School in Chesterfield County. She was teaching at Harrowgate when a colleague nominated her. Persing began her career 15 years ago in Petersburg. She taught in Chesterfield for five years before joining the MathScience Innovation Center faculty. Carrie is a member of the MathScience Innovation Center's 6-12 math and science team.

This is our nation's highest award for mathematics and science K-12 educators. Established in 1983 by the White House, these awards are sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and include the 50 states and 4 U. S. jurisdictions.

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Math, and Engineering Teaching is awarded annually to the best pre-college-level science and math teachers from across the country. The winners are selected by a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, and educators following an initial selection process at the state level. Each year the award alternates, going either to science and math teachers in grades K through 6 (as it is this year) or to those teaching in grades 7 through 12.

Winners of the President Teaching Awards receive \$10,000 awards from the National Science Foundation to be used at their discretion. They also receive an expense paid trip- to Washington, D.C for a White House awards ceremony and several days of educational and celebratory events, including visits with members of Congress and science agency leaders.

The MathScience Innovation Center is proud to be the leader of K-12 math and science education for the eight Central Virginia school divisions within our forty-three year old Consortium (Chesterfield, Colonial Heights, Hanover, Henrico, King William, Petersburg, Powhatan and Richmond Public Schools) and the capacity building workforce program for K-12 educators and students that provides expanded opportunities to learn about emerging fields (fractal geometry, engineering, nanotechnology, environmental modeling) and effective ways to integrate within the curriculum.

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