

# Three Fayette County teachers receive INSPIRE: Lexmark's Teaching Award

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 21, 2013 [PRNewswire](#)/ -- Lexmark International, Inc. (NYSE: LXX) has honored three recipients of INSPIRE: Lexmark's Teaching Award this spring. The program recognizes outstanding Central Kentucky area middle and high school science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) teachers.

Lexmark representatives surprised the following teachers with INSPIRE awards, presented in front of peers and students at their schools:

- [Heidi Anderson](#), an advanced placement biology teacher at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in Lexington, Ky.
- [Gary DeBorde](#), a technology teacher at Morton Middle School in Lexington, Ky.
- [Patrick Goff](#), a science teacher at Beaumont Middle School in Lexington, Ky.

**Heidi Anderson** incorporates the latest science news into her advanced placement biology courses, integrating lessons with hands-on activities and real-world applications. For the last five years, Anderson has mentored and accompanied students to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. She has also coordinated Dunbar's Butterfly Garden/Outdoor Classroom, an Elementary School EnviroCamp, and developed a Recycling Club at the school.

**Gary DeBorde** challenges his students with projects that test their abilities in the application of math and science. He brought LEGO® MINDSTORMS® to the school, an educational robotics program that provides a bridge from elementary learning of building to more complex learning through building, programming and competition. He has expanded the program to host robotics competitions for the district.

**Patrick Goff** has been instrumental in bringing applied science in the field of water quality to the students at his school. He partnered with a nonprofit organization to create a rain garden to reduce water runoff from the school's parking lot, and uses the garden to teach students about water science, native plant species and sustainability.

Lexmark presented each teacher with a \$1,000 award.

In order to be eligible for the INSPIRE award, a teacher must receive an online nomination as well as two reference letters from students, colleagues, parents, school administrators or community leaders. Eligible nominees must teach in one of the following Central Kentucky counties: Anderson, Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Franklin, Jessamine, Madison, Scott and Woodford. Nominations can be made on the [INSPIRE: Lexmark's Teaching Award page](#) on Lexmark.com.

## About INSPIRE

Lexmark launched INSPIRE: Lexmark's Teaching Award in 2011 to highlight and salute exceptional middle and high school teachers who teach science, technology, engineering and/or math in designated Central Kentucky counties. During each academic school year, one teacher per month will be awarded \$1,000 to be used to promote STEM education for his/her classroom.

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