

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

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Lexmark International, Inc. (NYSE: LXK) has honored the first two recipients of INSPIRE: Lexmark's Teaching Award for the 2013-2014 school year. The program recognizes outstanding Central Kentucky area elementary, 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 Thompson-Abell](#), a science teacher at Squires Elementary School in Lexington, Ky.
- Patrick Goff, a science teacher at Beaumont Middle School in Lexington, Ky.

**Heidi Thompson-Abell** encourages fourth graders at her school to take an interest in science as they find it applicable in their lives. Students learn about and care for various animals in the classroom, from a bearded dragon to a rabbit to recently hatched chicks. While learning about life cycles, the students raise mealworms as they turn into beetles. Thompson-Abell fosters students' enthusiasm about science through their hands-on experiences.

**Patrick Goff**, a two-time winner of the INSPIRE award, started the school year with a request to have 17 desktop computers in his classroom so he could teach his classes in a more blended approach. His classes are now nearly paperless as students work online in a closed, collaborative network. Goff has found ways to link topics such as global warming to his students through simple ways they can impact the planet. For next year, he is working in conjunction with the University of Kentucky to teach eighth grade science content through the lens of climate change.

Lexmark presented each teacher with a \$1,000 award to be used to promote STEM education in his or her classroom.

## 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. In 2013 the program was expanded to include elementary school teachers.

In order to be eligible for the INSPIRE award, a teacher must receive an online nomination as well as one reference letter 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.

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