

# Two Central Kentucky teachers receive INSPIRE: Lexmark's Teaching Award

LEXINGTON, Ky.

Lexmark International, Inc. (NYSE: LXX) has honored two teachers with INSPIRE: Lexmark's Teaching Award. 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 an INSPIRE award presented in front of peers and students at their schools:

- [Elizabeth Cook](#), a fourth grade teacher at Northern Elementary School in Georgetown, Ky.
- [Ashlie Arkwright](#), a middle school science teacher at the School for the Creative and Performing Arts (SCAPA) in Lexington, Ky.

**Elizabeth Cook's** students comprise the school's student energy team, which continually assesses energy usage at the school. Under Cook's direction, the student team has saved Northern Elementary thousands of dollars over the last few years. For her annual class energy project, Cook's students recently conducted an energy audit of Sadieville, Ky.'s city hall and police station, and made recommendations on how to save energy. Cook was also instrumental in Northern Elementary becoming a [2013 National Green Ribbon School](#) – one of only three in Kentucky recognized with this U.S. Department of Education distinction last year.

**Ashlie Arkwright** links students' real-world experiences with scientific principles to make science relevant and engaging. For example, her students recently completed a unit of study on motion and forces by designing and building working models of roller coasters. As part of her focus on environmental science, Arkwright's students participate in a national Eco Challenge competition each year. Collectively they design and implement a campaign encouraging people to make one small change that has a positive impact on the environment, such as switching from plastic bags to reusable lunch containers at school.

Lexmark presented each teacher with a \$1,000 award to be used to promote STEM education in 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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