

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

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## News Facts:

- Lexmark International, Inc. (NYSE: LXK) has honored the final four winners 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 an INSPIRE award presented in front of peers and students at their schools:
  - Megan Cartier, a special education math teacher at Franklin County High School in Frankfort, Kentucky
  - Andrea O'Bryan, an engineering teacher at the Jessamine Career and Technology Center in Nicholasville, Kentucky
  - Brian Radcliffe, a science teacher at Lexington Universal Academy in Lexington, Kentucky
  - Roxanna Rickly, a science teacher at Bourbon County Middle School in Paris, Kentucky
- From basic money and banking skills to career building, Megan Cartier excels in making math "real" for her special education students utilizing multimedia, Smart Boards and other technology. Cartier has developed a classroom teaching method that covers the curriculum of multiple grade levels while meeting the needs of her students' learning skill sets.
- Andrea O'Bryan takes engineering content and makes it relevant to students through the lens of project-based learning and [Project Lead the Way](#) curriculum. She is working to create a STEM pipeline of engineering students at the elementary and middle school levels through projects such as high schoolers working with younger students to design and build simulated Mars Rovers.
- Brian Radcliffe goes beyond the limits of the education standards of "teaching to the test" to foster a deep understanding of science through labs and hands-on lessons. He also volunteers his time as an academic team coach and has served as the floor director for the Fayette County Public Schools district science and engineering fair for many years.
- Roxanna Rickly challenges her sixth grade science students to innovate through activities that make science relevant to their lives, such as designing and building "stomp rockets" and conducting heat transfer experiments to design a better mitten. Rickly also mentors new teachers and has taught science workshops for teachers across the state to improve their instructional skills.
- Lexmark presented each teacher with a \$1,000 award to be used to promote STEM education in his or her classroom.

## Supporting Resources:

Videos of surprise awards

- [Megan Cartier](#)
- [Andrea O'Bryan](#)

- [Brian Radcliffe](#)
- [Roxanna Ricky](#)

## **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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