

North Dakota Department of Public Instruction
State Title I Office

2004 Caught in the Act Award Recipients

The state Title I office has established an award entitled, “Caught in the Act”. This award recognizes Title I staff who have been “caught in the act” of performing exceptional Title I services and are being honored for these outstanding acts. Four Title I personnel were recently recognized for this award: Dianne Becker from North Central of Barnes Public School District, Jean Hall from Edwin Loe Elementary in New Town, Tara Steiner from Oakes Public School District, and Sarah Storkson from South Prairie Public School District.



Dianne Becker was recognized for her initiative and willingness to get involved through the Reading First Team and the committee to develop the Reading Month packet. In addition, she is recognized for helping to create one of the few Title I preschool programs in the state.

Jean Hall was recognized for being an invaluable resource to the state Title I office by serving on our Title I School Support Team. Jean helps review schoolwide plans, program improvement plans, and provides technical assistance to other schoolwide programs. She is truly an asset to the state Title I office as well as the New Town Public School District and their Title I program.





Tara Steiner was recognized for being extremely organized and well prepared when monitored last spring. Tara has created materials to send home to parents, organized a wonderful Title I “Parent Night,” contacted area college students to provide free child care and games for the children while the parents attended the meeting, and also created a Title I handbook containing a wealth of information on the Title I program. She is truly an asset to the Oakes Public School District and their Title I program.

Sarah Storkson was recognized for taking a very active part with meeting the requirements set out by No Child Left Behind (NCLB), initiating the meeting of the teacher quality provision, creating an outstanding website with parent information, information on the Title I program, and links to several resources. Sarah has also put together a wealth of resources and activities to be used within her Title I classroom. She does a great job meeting all of the Title I requirements.



As a recipient of this award, these four educators each received a framed certificate and a grant award for \$2,500. These funds can be used for any allowable Title I expenditure for the Title I program in their school district.