

North Dakota Department of Public Instruction
State Title I Office

2009 Caught in the Act

The 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. Two Title I personnel were recognized for this award: Melissa Hiltner from the Langdon Public School District and Dave Steckler from the Mandan Public School District. These awards were also announced at the 2009 Title I/Special Education Fall Conference.

Melissa (Missy) Hiltner was recognized for all her contributions to the Title I program. She is a frequent presenter at Title I conferences because participants love her enthusiasm. Missy has also helped with several projects sponsored by the state Title I office. Most recently, she was one of five North Dakota educators that helped create Parental Involvement Master Literacy Bags for the state’s elementary schools.

Dave Steckler was also recognized for his many contributions to the Title I program. Dave is the Mandan Public School District’s Title I coordinator. Dave is a past and current member of our Title I School Support Team and also frequently helps out with Title I projects. Most recently, Dave helped read and score Title I program improvement plans.

As recipients of this award, Melissa and Dave both received a framed certificate and a grant award for \$5,000. These funds can be used for any allowable Title I expenditure for the Title I program in their school district.



Caught in the Act award recipients Melissa Hiltner (above) and Dave Steckler (below), pictured with Laurie Matzke, Title I Director.

