

North Dakota Department of Public Instruction
State Title I Office

2009 Outstanding Title I Educator

Several years ago, the Title I office started an award called the Outstanding Title I Educator Award. We honored our first Outstanding Title I Educator in the fall of 1999.



Outstanding Title I Educator recipient, Jessica Brandt, pictured with Laurie Matzke, Title I Director.

There are so many dedicated, outstanding Title I personnel (teachers, administrators, aides, etc.) in North Dakota and this award provides an opportunity to honor at least one individual although we realize there are so many!

The Department of Public Instruction, Title I office, is pleased to announce that Jessica Brandt is the recipient of the 2009 Outstanding Title I Educator Award. Ms. Brandt is a Title I teacher at the Central Cass Public School District. This award was announced at the 2009 Title I/Special Education Fall Conference held on October 7-9, 2009.

Nominees for the award were Title I educators who have the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues and play an active and vital role in their school's Title I program.

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction solicited nominations throughout the past year. The Title I Committee of Practitioners selected the award winner from the nominations received.

Jessica Brandt was described by those who nominated her as a very enthusiastic, innovative teacher who is always willing to go the extra mile. Those who wrote letters on her behalf described her as someone who genuinely cares about students. Even one of her students wrote a letter of recommendation. As a recipient of this award, Jessica received a plaque and a grant award for \$10,000. These funds can be used for any allowable Title I expenditure for the Title I program in her school district.