

2009 Golden Achievement Awards

- **Adams 12 Five Star Schools, Thornton, CO 80241-2601;** *Advancing School Safety;* Janelle Albertson, Chief Communications Officer
- **Adams County School District #50, Denver, CO 80221;** *District 50's Transition to Standards-based Education;* Deb Haviland, Dir., Community Relations & Communications
- **Albemarle County Public Schools, Charlottesville, VA 22903;** *Campaign to Advertise Supplemental Educational Services;* Maury Brown, Communications Coordinator
- **Bay Shore Schools, Bay Shore, NY 11706;** *Bay Shore Celebrates the Tricentennial;* Diane Hartill, Coord. School Comm. Services
- **Brevard Public Schools, Viera, FL 32940;** *Classrooms in Crisis;* Christine Davis, Dir., District Communications
- **Butler Tech, Hamilton, OH 45011;** *Social Media Marketing;* Bill Solazzo, Dir. Sales Market & Part
- **Charleston Community Unit School District #1, Charleston, IL 61920;** *Energy Savings Program;* Jim Littleford, Superintendent
- **Cherry Creek School District, Greenwood Village, CO 80111-1394;** *All Star Awards Program;* Tustin Amole, Public Information Officer
- **Chesterfield County Public Schools, Chesterfield, VA 23832;** *Connecting with the Community on Election Day;* Leigh Ann McKelway, Public Information Officer, Community Relations
- **Cincinnati Public Schools, Cincinnati, OH 45219;** *I am Cincinnati Public Schools;* Christine Wolff, Asst. Communications Manager
- **Clark County School District, Las Vegas, NV 89146;** *CCSD Budget Informational Campaign;* Cynthia Sell, Communications Director
- **Clarksville-Montgomery County School System, Clarksville, TN 37042;** *Improving Graduation Rates;* Michelle Newell, Communications Specialist
- **Clear Creek Independent School District, League City, TX 77573;** *CCISD Restaurants for Reading Program;* Elaine Polsen, Dir., of Public Information
- **Community Consolidated School District 62, Des Plaines, IL 60016;** *Master Planning Community Discussions;* Mindy Ward, Director of Community Relations
- **Crete-Monee School District 201U, Crete, IL 60417;** *Do the 201-U Step! Registration for the 2008-2009 School Year;* Natalie Nash, Director of Communications
- **Davis School District, Farmington, UT 84025-0588;** *Davis School District Communication Plan;* Christopher Williams, Community Relations Director
- **Denver Public Schools, Denver, CO 80203;** *Simply Safe! Fire Safety and Emergency Preparedness Education;* Stephen Finley, Director of Risk Management
- **District School Board of Niagara, St. Catharines, ON L2R 7P4;** *Student Success - Internal Communications Program;* Kim Yielding, Mgr., Comms. and Public Relations

- **Downingtown Area School Dist., Downingtown, PA 19335; *I Shape the Future***; Patricia C. McGlone, Communications Specialist
- **Dublin City Schools, Dublin, OH 43017; *Superintendent Senior Council***; Doug Baker, Coordinator of Public Information
- **Duluth Public Schools, Duluth, MN 55802; *2008 Operating Levy Renewal***; Katie Kaufman, Public Relations
- **Durham Public Schools, Durham, NC 27702; *Graduation Project***; Kay Williams, Exec. Dir., Public Affairs
- **East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, Baton Rouge, LA 70806; *Learn the Facts Marketing Campaign***; Chris Trahan, Dir., of Communications & Community Engagement
- **Elk Grove Unified School District, Elk Grove, CA 95624; *EGUSD 50th Anniversary Celebration***; Elizabeth Graswich, Director, Communications
- **Elmhurst School District 205, Elmhurst, IL 60126-4838; *Strategic Action Plan: Renewing our Commitment***; Karen Geddeis, Director of Communications
- **Falls Church City Public Schools, Falls Church, VA 22046; *Triennial School Census***; Karen Acar, Communications Director
- **Falls Church City Public Schools, Falls Church, VA 22046; *Convocation 2008-A Celebration of Service***; Karen Acar, Communications Director
- **Fargo Public Schools, Fargo, ND 58102; *It's Not ALL Bad News!***; Tim Morrissey, Community Writer
- **Fayette County Board of Education, Fayetteville, GA 30214; *Employee Campaign Addressing Pay & Benefit Cuts***; Melinda Berry-Dreisbach, Public Information Specialist
- **Gardner Edgerton USD 231, Gardner, KS 66030; *Gardner-Edgerton Recruitment CD***; Julie Bear, Community Relations Coordinator
- **Glen Ellyn School District 41, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137; *Hadley New Horizons: Supporting School Change Through Communication***; Julia Worthen, Communications Director
- **Guilderland Central School District, Guilderland, NY 12084; *Guilderland Central School District Community Forum***; Amy Zurlo, Communications Specialist
- **Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, Hamilton, ON L8P 1H6; *HWSDB Grade 8/9 Transition Program***; Sue Phillips, Corporate Communications Department
- **Harrison School District Two, Colorado Springs, CO 80906-3543; *Harrison 2008 Mill Levy Override Campaign***; Jennifer Sprague, Coordinator of Communications
- **Harrison School District Two, Colorado Springs, CO 80906-3543; *Key Communicator/Stakeholder Database***; Jennifer Sprague, Coordinator of Communications
- **Henry County Schools, Collinsville, VA, 24078; *Career Hub***; Melany Reeves-Stowe, Community Relations Coordinator

- **Humble Independent School District, Humble, TX 77347;** *Creating a Firestorm: to Pass Back-to Back Bond AND Tax Elections;* Karen J. Collier, Exec. Dir., Public Information
- **Hurst-Eules-Bedford Independent School District, Bedford, TX 76022;** *HEB ISD Hall of Fame;* Judy Ramos, Director of Communications
- **Kearney Public Schools, Kearney, NE 68845-5355;** *Postcards from Kearney High;* Tori Stofferson, Director of Communications
- **Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, Soldotna, AK 99669;** *Superintendent Search Public Outreach Campaign;* Jenny Neyman, Communications
- **Kent Intermediate School District, Grand Rapids, MI 49525;** *Green School Awards Program;* Allison Kaufman, Dir., Comms. & Marketing
- **Lancaster Central School District, Lancaster, NY 14086;** *Teen Speak Out;* Patricia Burgio, Director of Communications
- **Lexington School District One, Lexington, SC 29071;** *Successful 2008 Bond Information Campaign;* Libby Roof, Community Services Supervisor
- **Marion County Public Schools, Ocala, FL 34478;** *Children First: A Call to Action;* Kevin Christian, Public Relations & Communications Officer
- **Maryland State Department of Education, Baltimore, MD 21201;** *Comcast Parent Involvement Matters Awards Program;* Maureen, Moran
- **Miami Dade County Public Schools, Miami, FL 33132;** *Superintendents Success Academy;* Tammy Reed, Director, Office of Public Relations
- **Mohonasen Central School District, Rotterdam, NY 12303;** *Staff Web Page Training Program;* Adrienne Leon, Communications Specialist
- **Naperville Community Unit SD 203, Naperville, IL 60540-6589;** *VB203 - Virtual Backpack;* Melea Smith, Director of Communications
- **Nixa Public Schools, Nixa, MO 65714;** *AlertNow & Meal Benefit Program Implementation;* J. Zachary Rantz, Communications Coordinator
- **North Penn School District, Lansdale, PA 19446;** *Framing the Future: North Penn School District's Strategic Plan for the Years 2008-2014;* Christine Liberaski, Manager, Office of School/Cmty Engagement
- **Oakland Schools, Waterford, MI 48328;** *Oakland Schools Technical Campus Grand Reopening;* Shelley Rose, Dir., Communication Services
- **Parkway School District, Chesterfield, MO 63017;** *Bond Success in Tough Economy;* Paul Tandy, Director of Public Affairs
- **Pascagoula School District, Pascagoula, MS 39567;** *Destination Graduation!;* Debbie Anglin, Director of Communications
- **Passaic County Technical Institute, Wayne, NJ 07470;** *PCTI "Blue Goes Green" Campaign;* Sandra Woods, Admin. Assistant. for Special Projects/Public Relations
- **Passaic County Technical Institute, Wayne, NJ 07470;** *A Diversity of Dreams Campaign;* Sandra Woods, Admin. Assistant. for Special Projects/Public Relations
- **Peel District School Board, Mississauga, ON L5R 1C6;** *Leadership Now! Environmental Conference;* Sylvia Link, Manager of Communications

- **Portland Public Schools, Portland, OR 97208;** *Moving Forward Together: Establishing the Leadership of a New Superintendent;* Cowie Robb, Dir., of Communications
- **Prince William County PS, Manassas, VA 20108;** *Partners for Safe Teen Driving - A Safe Teen Community Health Campaign;* Keith Imon, Assoc. Supt., Comms. & Technology
- **Questar III, Castleton on Hudson, NY 12033;** *Strategic Planning;* Dan Sherman, Communications Specialist
- **Roanoke County Public Schools, Roanoke, VA 24019;** *Media Relations - The Roanoke Times;* Charles Lionberger, Community Relations Specialist
- **Rockwood School District, Wildwood, MO 63038;** *Rockwood Insider;* Leah McCoy, Internal Comms. Specialist
- **Saint Paul Public Schools, Saint Paul, MN 55102-3299;** *Public Engagement/Parental Involvement;* Christine Wroblewski, Chief Community Relations Officer
- **San Joaquin County Office of Education, Stockton, CA 95213;** *Public Schools: An investment We Cannot Aford to Cut;* Jacqueline Ratto, Public Information Officer
- **School District of Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach, FL 33406;** *Kinsey African American Art Exhibit;* Nat Harrington, Chief Public Information Officer
- **School Wise Press, San Francisco, CA 94112;** *Oceanside USD Accountability Report Program;* Steve Rees, President
- **Schoolhouse Communications, Lakewood, CO 80228;** *Arts Education in Public Schools;* Lesley Dahlkemper, President
- **Schoolhouse Communications, Lakewood, CO 80228;** *Bullying Prevention Initiative;* Lesley Dahlkemper, President
- **Scottsbluff Public Schools, Scottsbluff, NE 69301;** *Preserving the Past...Preparing for the Future.;* Kelly Reisig, Director of Communications
- **Simco Muskoka Catholic School District, Barrie, ON L4M 5K3;** *Getting Ready for Kindergarten;* Diane Legg, Director of Communications
- **South Washington County Schools, South Cottage Grove, MN ;** *Attendance Boundaries;* Barbara Brown, Director of Communications
- **Spokane Public Schools, Spokane, WA 99201;** *Kindergarten Welcome Bag Program;* Terren Roloff, Director, Community Relations
- **Summit Hill District 161, Frankport, IL 60423;** *District 161 Extranet;* Barb Rains, Director, HR & Public Relations
- **Traverse City Area Public Schools, Traverse City, MI 49685-0032;** *District-Wide Rollout of AlertNow Rapid Communications System;* Alison Arnold, Director of Grants and Communications
- **Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Lindsay, ON K9V 4S4;** *Program and Accomodation Review Process;* Catherine Shedden, Communications Manager
- **United Independent School District, Laredo, TX 78045;** *School District Toy Drive Initiative;* Susan E. Carlson, Dir. of Communications

- **Upper Canada District School Board, Brockville, ON K6V 5X1; *The Upper Canada District School Board CREW Strategic Plan***; Simzer Terry, Manager of Communications
- **Valley View School District, Germantown, OH 45327; *Communication: Inside Outside...All Around the Town***; Debbie Bruner, PR Communications Director
- **Vancouver Public Schools, Vancouver, WA 98688-8937; *Imagine! Strategic Plan II Communications and Branding***; Thomas R. Hagley, Executive Director, Community & Gov't Relations
- **West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District, Princeton Junction, NJ 08550; *Voting Booth @ WW-P***; Geraldine Hutner, Director of Communications
- **Wichita Public Schools, USD 259, Wichita, KS 67202-1292; *Bridging the Communication Gap with Hispanic Families***; Wendy Johnson, Division Dir., Mktng & Comms.
- **York County School Division, Yorktown, VA 23692; *Building Access System Launch***; Betsy Overkamp-Smith, Community and Public Relations Officer