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Local Teacher Receives Award for Making School Cool

Calgary – Margaret Rajchel, a teacher at Central Memorial High School, is being presented with a 2007 Teacher Award sponsored by The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA). At the school's annual awards program, Ms. Rajchel will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 to be used to promote science and math education in the school.

Location: Central Memorial High School
5111 21 Street SW
Calgary, AB
Date: Wednesday, November 7, 2007
Time: 7:00 p.m.

"The very first time I stepped into Ms. Rajchel's math class, I could feel the buzz of positive energy all around me," writes a student. "She taught me math, how to understand and love math; but more than anything, she taught me to love school and to love learning," writes another student.

"Ms. Rajchel is wonderfully caring towards her students and genuinely interested in their well being. Due to her efforts there is a great deal of learning taking place outside the classroom as well as inside," writes a parent.

The APEGGA Teacher Awards program celebrates math and science teachers in elementary, junior and senior high schools for the excellence they demonstrate in shaping the intellectual and creative development of students and for their outstanding efforts to *Make School Cool*.

"Each year APEGGA recognizes 14 Alberta teachers who have a profound and lasting impact on students," says Jeanne Keaschuk, APEGGA Outreach supervisor. "This award program rewards exceptional teachers and helps them to further enhance the classroom experience."

Established in 1920, APEGGA is responsible for regulating the practices of engineering, geology and geophysics in the province of Alberta. The association's 50,000 members play a significant role in every segment of the economy, and their technical and management expertise ensure Alberta remains at the forefront of technological innovation.

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Note: APEGGA requests that you not contact the recipient for comment until after the presentation. For additional information on the Teacher Awards, please visit our website at <http://www.apegga.org/Members/ScholarshipsAwards/taward.html>

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