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Nordegg Teacher Receives Provincial Award for Making School Cool

Edmonton – Kaleena Hanoski, a science and math teacher at Ta-Otha Community School on Big Horn Reservation, is one of 16 teachers to receive a 2009 Teacher Award sponsored by The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA). At a surprise presentation at the school's awards program on Thursday, June 25, Hanoski received a cash prize of \$2,000 to be used to promote science and math education in the school.

"Mrs. Hanoski has opened our eyes to science and the outside world," writes a student. "She is very excited and happy about teaching us science and she passes that on to us," writes another student.

"Mrs. Hanoski fosters a love of science at our school," writes a colleague. "Students have a positive attitude about science, their interest in the subject has increased, and their test scores have improved," writes another colleague.

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*.

"This year APEGGA recognized 16 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 more than 55,000 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: For additional information on the Teacher Awards, please visit our website at <http://www.apegga.org/Members/ScholarshipsAwards/taward.html>

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