



# GOODNEWS

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## **NCHS Teacher receives Outstanding Educator Award from the Illinois Institute of Technology!**

Ms. Jeanne Urbance, English teacher at Normal Community High School, is a recipient of the first annual Outstanding Educator Award from the Illinois Institute of Technology. She is among an elite group of twenty-five educators who were selected from throughout the United States.

The idea for this award originated with Dr. Michael Gosz, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs, after he returned to his own high school to receive an alumni award. Dr. Gosz remarked about the teachers who really made influenced him during high school.

A select number of high achieving students enrolled at the Illinois Institute of Technology were personally interviewed and asked to talk about their instructors who they very strongly felt made a significant impact upon them. NCHS 2007 graduate Jessica L. Fong nominated Ms. Urbance as an exceptional individual who had been truly instrumental in her academic, extracurricular, and personal growth during her high school career.

Dr. Gosz credits Ms. Urbance for her role in developing Jessica into a successful and motivated student. These qualities that, in Dr. Gosz's experience, stay with individuals throughout their lives. The Outstanding Educator Award serves as the Illinois Institute of Technology's official recognition of Ms. Urbance's accomplishments as an educator. The award is meant to recognize the work of educators and honor their commitment to teaching our nation's youth. Ms. Urbance received a plaque representing this honor.

It is appropriate for Jeanne Urbance to be recognized as an outstanding teacher. She is an exemplary teacher whose dramatic presentations make her English classes interesting and interactive. Her presentation lessons inspire her students who sometimes are surprised as they achieve beyond their *own* expectations. The Normal Community High School students, staff, and parents are very proud. We congratulate Ms. Urbance for receiving this prestigious award and well deserved recognition.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Jeanette Nuckolls". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "N".

Dr. Jeanette Nuckolls  
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