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MILKEN NATIONAL EDUCATOR AWARDS

FACT SHEET

The Awards

The Milken Family Foundation's National Educator Awards is the nation's largest teacher recognition program, developed to reward, retain and attract the highest quality K-12 teachers to the profession. Each Milken Educator receives an unrestricted financial award of \$25,000, and an all-expense-paid trip to Los Angeles to participate in the annual Milken National Education Conference in June 2001.

Key Statistics

- \$3.65 million to be awarded to
- 146 new Milken Educators from 42 states
- Established by Milken Family Foundation in 1985
- 1,648 Milken Educator Award recipients since inception
- \$41.2 million in awards since inception

National Notification Week

During National Notification Week, 146 exceptional teachers and principals – recommended without their knowledge by a blue-ribbon panel appointed by their state departments of education and confirmed by the Milken Family Foundation – will be surprised by the news of their \$25,000 Awards, which can be used however they choose. These announcements are typically made during emotional, all-school assemblies throughout the country, attended by students, educators, local and state officials, and media.

Milken Educator Network

The Milken Educator Network is a voluntary association of more than 1,600 Milken Educators, state education agencies and corporate partners dedicated to improving teacher quality through ongoing professional development, and use of expertise and research to shape education policies at state and local levels.

Milken Family Foundation

The Milken Family Foundation was established in 1982 to discover and advance inventive and effective ways of helping people help themselves and those around them lead productive and satisfying lives. The Santa Monica, California-based Foundation advances this mission primarily through its work in education and medicine.

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