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Morgan County High School Teacher wins Innovation Award

West Liberty, Ky – Chris Lacy, teacher at Morgan County High School, was recognized as the second weekly winner in the Dataseam “Best of the Best” Teacher Website Contest, which runs through December 1st. One teacher is selected each week based on the most exciting ideas and innovative classroom use.

Chris earned a 32GB iPod Touch for her classroom, and is featured on the contest website, http://www.dataseamcontest.com/2nd_Winner.html. He teaches Physical Sciences.

Chris’s website exemplifies technology inspiring creativity and providing opportunities for success in Kentucky students. “Chris has really taken off with the opportunities new technology is bringing to his classroom,” said Brian Gupton, Dataseam CEO. “Not only is he integrating technology into his content, but he’s making it relevant to Morgan County’s 21st Century Learners.” He has created and managed an extensive website comprised of current assignments, schedules, and syllabi. He also showcases student work with extensive photos and video. Chris challenges students to convert Chemical Potential Energy from peanuts into Thermal Energy by setting them on fire and measuring the temperature change of a flask of water. Not only did he document this experiment, but the students made their own short videos of the experience. The highlight of this website is the “*Eggonaut Project*,” where students demonstrate their homemade rocket launches. Chris’s current curriculum involves the students getting hands-on experience in the school’s Mac Lab.

Teachers from Dataseam school districts in Kentucky, have created websites to enhance learning opportunities for students. Using the iLife suite of tools, teachers use multimedia communications to build interactive digital learning portals that engage and empower their students, linking them to the endless possibilities that education and technology can provide. These websites give students the opportunity to learn, create, and connect with their teachers, their peers, and their world.

Dataseam is a unique Kentucky-based company placing new computers in schools for everyday classroom use. Those student workstations are linked as a ‘Virtual Supercomputer’ so scientists can use the processing power to do important discovery work. Researchers from the University of Louisville’s James Graham Brown Cancer Center have already discovered several potential life-saving cancer drugs using the process.

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