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Muhlenberg High School Teacher wins Innovation Award

Greenville, Ky – Kim Spear, teacher at Muhlenberg County High School, was recognized as the final 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.

Kim earned a 32GB iPod Touch for her classroom, and is featured on the contest website, www.DataseamContest.com. She teaches Graphic Design, Photography, AP Studio Art, Film, and an Independent Study.

Kim’s website exemplifies technology inspiring creativity and providing opportunities for success in Kentucky students. “Kim was one of our earliest educators using the Dataseam workstations to drive opportunities for students in multimedia and graphic arts,” said Dataseam CEO Brian Gupton. “As a result, she is a pace-setter for educators statewide within the Dataseam schools.” She has created an extensive Art Department website for a generation of high-school students who have spent half their lives immersed in the 21st century media culture. The site is comprised of a weekly blog, extensive examples of student-made Visual Art, Humanities podcasts, links to morning newscast *The Mustang News*, and educational videos by film students. Kim’s students use technology everyday: they blog, share, connect, collaborate, edit, transform, and think. She encourages innovation, creativity, design, and life-long learning skills to prepare these students for the workforce. Kim also participates in *Art Education 2.0*, an online global community of art educators exploring uses of new technology.

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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