

Local Teachers Place in Website Contest

Louisville, Ky - Dataseam announces its “Best of the Best” Teacher Website contest winners. The contest ran from October 15 - December 1, 2010 and included websites submitted from 26 Kentucky school districts.

Jeff Coots, Jackson Independent, Missy Murray, Fairview High School and Miranda Farmer, Morgan County High School took 1st, 2nd and 3rd Best Overall and received a 27-inch iMac for their classroom and a Mac Lab for their school with 30 20-inch iMacs. Dixie Combs, Jackson Independent, Mary Parrott, Middlesboro Independent, Tori Schneider, Hancock County, Megan West, Elliott County, Kim Spear, Muhlenberg County, Stacy Blanton, Magoffin County, and Lisa Salyer, Johnson county received Honorable Mentions and were each awarded a 27-inch iMac for their classroom. Brian Bentley, Jenkins Independent won Best Educational Link. Cheri Arrowood, Jackson Independent won Best Blog. Debbie LeMaster, Johnson County won Best Student Content. Jessica Francis, Magoffin County won Best iMovie. Mary Scaggs, Elliott County won Best Podcast. These winners each received an iPad.

Over 300 teachers from Dataseam school districts in Kentucky attended 3-day iLife workshops to learn exciting new multimedia tools for improved communication and motivation. They created websites to enhance student learning, spotlight student work, and involve them in the learning process. Teachers learned how to connect with active, digital learners who have spent most of their lives immersed in the 21st century media culture. Research provided by ***21st Century Schools*** explains that problem solving, collaborative learning, communication, and creativity have become critical, essential skills for the modern student. By enhancing the classroom, teachers allow students to creatively explore their worlds guide them to eventually affect personal and social change.

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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