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2014 T³[™] LEADERSHIP AWARDS

The T³[™] Leadership Awards recognize educators who have exemplified the ideals of the T³[™] Program – that is, to enhance mathematics and science teaching and learning through the creative and enthusiastic application of classroom technology.

This year's recipients are Judy Hicks and Jennifer Wilson



Judy Hicks

About 15 years after she was first introduced to TI technology, Judy Hicks began working with math education visionaries Arne Engbreetsen and Chuck VonderEmbse and was hooked on the necessity for lifelong professional development for teachers.

Spurred on by that belief, Judy became a Teachers Teaching with Technology[™] (T³[™]) National Instructor, and lead author for Math Nspired activities and summer workshop curricula, including "Getting Started with the TI-Nspire[™] App for iPad[™]."

Her own professional development journey began when the TI-81 was introduced and she attended every presentation she could find that would help her use the ground-breaking graphing technology more effectively in her classroom.

Encouraged by a colleague to apply to be an assistant at TI's Cabri[™] Geometry workshops, she was soon invited to join the team that was writing the "Connecting Algebra and Geometry" workshop.

The last 18 years have been a whirlwind of technology and through her ongoing partnership with T³[™], Judy is continuing to follow her passion for empowering educators and students to see the impact that engaging technology can have in the mathematics classroom.

Jennifer Wilson

Jennifer Wilson went to a graphing calculator workshop when she first started teaching in 1993, saw the power of multiple representations, introduced TI Technology immediately in her classroom, and began leading local professional development programs.

Thirteen years later, she became a Teachers Teaching with Technology[™] (T³[™]) Instructor and has since participated in TI-Nspire[™] pilot programs, written activities for TI Math Nspired and TI MathForward[™], and led summer PD workshops, webinars and conference sessions.

"Using TI-Nspire[™] Technology in my classroom has also made my students better learners. ... [T]he dynamic software causes them not only to ask, "What if ..." but also gives them the ability to explore and find answers to their questions."

Chosen as a 2011 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching award, Jennifer blogs about how she is implementing Common Core with her math students at Northwest Rankin High School in Flowood, Miss.

Jennifer, her husband, and two daughters live in Jackson, Miss., at First Fruits Farm, where they practice living sustainably as much as the pests and weeds will allow.