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## 2015 T<sup>3™</sup> Leadership Awards

The T<sup>3™</sup> Leadership Awards recognize educators who have exemplified the ideals of the T<sup>3™</sup> 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 Vicki Carter and Doug Roberts.





#### Vicki Carter

Vicki Carter started using TI technology when the TI-81 graphing calculator was introduced. Her students were inspired and excited by the way the TI-81 enabled them to see the math, and that set in place the foundation of her long and

meaningful classroom relationship with TI teaching and learning tools.

When she started teaching AP\* Calculus, calculators were not yet approved for the exam. Nevertheless, Vicki saw the future of technology in education and quickly embraced the TI calculators for classroom instruction.

Her real journey with graphing calculator technology began when she attended one of the first workshops led by Ray Barton using the TI-89 Titanium graphing calculator. At this point, Vicki started attending many professional workshops and conferences. And, as a technology lead teacher in her school, she advocated the incorporation of the TI-83 graphing calculator and TI-Navigator<sup>™</sup> system in her district's math classrooms. The invitation to become a T<sup>3™</sup> instructor began a whirlwind of travel, training and adventure across the United States. Helping teachers see the power of multiple representations with TI-Nspire<sup>™</sup> technology is a passion that Vicki embraces.

Vicki is a 39-year veteran of the West Florence High School Math Department and has served as the department chair 25 years. She also serves on the AP<sup>\*</sup> Calculus Development committee and enjoys grading the AP<sup>\*</sup> Calculus exam in Kansas City every June.



### Doug Roberts

Doug Roberts' journey with graphing calculators started while teaching at Franklin Heights High School in Columbus, Ohio. He began with the TI-81 calculator in his math classes and upgraded with the release of each new model.

Doug started to attend T<sup>3™</sup> summer workshops in the early 1990s. His Department Head, Jim Kozman, persuaded him to present at the 1996 T<sup>3™</sup> International Conference in Jacksonville, FI, and he has delivered presentations at every International Conference since then. He has also given presentations at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) and Ohio Council Teachers of Mathematics (OCTM) conferences.

Doug became a National T<sup>3™</sup> Instructor in 2001 and has written and delivered T<sup>3™</sup> workshops since that time. Doug has piloted prototypes of TI-Navigator<sup>™</sup> and TI-Nspire<sup>™</sup> Navigator<sup>™</sup> systems. After Doug retired from the classroom in 2009, he joined the TI MathForward<sup>™</sup> algebra readiness program. Working with teachers and students in Kentucky, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Ohio and Texas, Doug's enthusiasm and passion for the power of visualization of the TI-Nspire<sup>™</sup> technology is helping educators improve student learning and understanding.