



CLASSROOM OF THE FUTURE FOUNDATION

2006 INNOVATION AWARD WINNERS

Impact - Barbara Barnes

Fallbrook Union Elementary School District - San Onofre School, Principal

Advanced Use of Technology Anytime / Anywhere

San Onofre School, located on Camp Pendleton Marine Corps base, utilizes an expanded web site to communicate with parents deployed around the world. Students produce SOSTV, a world news program viewed in school and across the state. We are a Case Study School for Toshiba Tablet Computers and a pilot school for State Parks PORTS curriculum. Our videoconferencing capabilities bring the world into the classroom.

Inspire - Lynne Harvey

Poway Unified School District - Rolling Hills Elementary

Falcon Watch 2006

In this real world, project-based, learning experience students are actively engaged in monitoring a pair of nesting Peregrine Falcons via a live web cam, over the internet. The project addresses all areas of our curriculum as students collect data, conduct research, make predictions based on observations, and document findings online. High-level science, reading, and writing are embedded in the students' daily work over a four-month period every spring, for the past 5 years.

Innovate - Emily Disney

Del Mar Union School District - Sycamore Ridge Elementary School

Ancient African Culture and Music Using Modern Technologies

Using an innovative, new technology tool, podcasting that has only recently been adopted at the university level by schools such as Purdue, Michigan, and Hawaii, music teacher Jerry Foust has developed this pioneering unit of study to teach podcasting to elementary level students learning about ancient African culture. Until Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier in 1947, no one wanted to take on the risk of the seemingly impossible. Until teacher extraordinaire, Jerry Foust developed a safe, easily replicable way to utilize the inspiring, innovative, achievement boosting use of podcasting as applied to state history/social science standards in the classroom, no one wanted to take on the risks of incorporating new information technologies in the classroom at the elementary level. Until we honor and recognize teachers who pioneer effective, SUCCESSFUL programs that OPEN THE DOOR to MASS USE of new technologies, we will forever be years behind in teaching our students to use technology to engage their potential

Achieve - Christopher Oram

National School District

Data Driven Decision Making

The National School District has combined the use of an instructional software program with the implementation of data warehouse to support the improvement of student learning. This effort has been part of the district's successful effort to maintain continuous improvement in student achievement in both language arts and math in a community that has many demographic factors that have traditionally kept students from doing well academically.