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Ascend Math highlights best practices with the Gold Medal Program

Ascend Math is proud to announce their Gold Medal Program to the educational community. This program was created to encourage educators to build a social network of knowledge. School districts from around the country will share the challenges they've faced with low performing Math students and how they overcame those challenges with the help of Ascend Math.

Like the Olympics, where the finest athletes from around the world are selected to compete and achieve personal excellence, exemplary educators from around the United States will compete in the Gold Medal Program. They will reveal their best practices in Math intervention and tell their personal success stories about how they used Ascend Math to drive their students to reach maximum performance.

Contestants in Ascend Math's Gold Medal Program will outline their implementation plan and how it impacted their students' achievement, and school districts will share their objectives and desired goals, as well as the results of their grade gains and high stakes testing. Serving as standard of exemplary practices, the Gold Medal Program will bring the initiatives of the ARRA Stimulus Program to the forefront. Applicants should focus on accountability of both teachers and students, and highlight the cornerstones of personal achievement.

Gold Medal Program contest winners will be chosen by a consensus of their peers and announced three times each year at top national educational conferences: ISTE/NECC, T+L and ASCD. The first Gold Medal Program winner will be announced at the **ISTE/NECC Conference on Monday, June 28th, 2010 in Denver, Colorado**. Voting for the first winner begins in mid-May and will be completed prior to the ISTE /NECC National Conference.

The first Gold Medal Program winner will tell their story at the Ascend Math's Breakfast Session at the ISTE/NECC Conference on Monday, June 28th. Additionally, Ascend Math will cover the winner's travel expenses to the conference, and the winner will be invited to the Colorado Technology in Education Program.

Viewed by the industry as "Thought Leaders" in Math intervention, Gold Medal Program winners will also be invited to present at national and regional conferences in the 2010/2011 school year, and will be announced on Ascend Math's website and recognized in its newsletter.

To qualify, Gold Medal Program contestants must be Ascend Math partners who have implemented Ascend Math within six weeks of their submission process. Individuals can submit more than one application to highlight success in various objectives.

For more information go to <http://goldmedal.ascendmath.com/>

About Ascend Math

Ascend Math is a Summit Interactive company. Summit Interactive is an established leader in K-12 mathematics intervention. Established in 1987, the company's solutions are now used by more than 5,000 schools and universities and are widely supported by math educators in secondary and adult learning environments. The company's programs are based on scientific research and are recognized for their abilities to measurably improve students' comprehension and performance in math.