

South Jetty HS Teacher Recipient of 2009 Miller Teaching Award

Congratulations to Mr. Brett Gilfillan, Social Studies/Special Education Teacher at South Jetty High School, who is a recipient of a 2009 Miller Foundation Teaching Award.

At a luncheon at the Governor Hotel in Portland on May 2, Mr. Gilfillan was presented with a cash award enabling him to attend the National Social Studies Conference in the fall. Mrs. Nancy Elliott, principal of South Jetty High School, received a check for \$500 to be used to support student achievement at the school.

In granting these awards, the Miller Foundation is recognizing teachers new to the profession and schools who are supportive of beginning teachers. Mr. Gilfillan is completing his second year at South Jetty High School and Mrs. Elliott has been principal of the school since 1999. South Jetty High School is a fully accredited 4-year high school located within the Oregon Youth Authority – North Coast Youth Correctional Facility in Warrenton, Oregon.



Brett Gilfillan and Nancy Elliott

Oregon DATA Project Update

The leaders of the Oregon DATA Project returned recently from a personnel exchange trip to Maryland. The trip, sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics, included a day at Johns Hopkins University and a day in Maryland schools. In Maryland, Project Director Baron Rodriguez and Training Director Mickey Garrison shared information on all of the components of Oregon's collaborative data efforts--TLC, Growth, the DATA Project, KIDS, and regional data warehouses. In return, Maryland educators shared their work on two of their data initiatives: the Teacher Compass and the Maryland IDEA Scorecard. Both are projects of the Maryland State Department of Education in partnership with Johns Hopkins University.

In other DATA Project news, the training schedule has been finalized for the "Building a Culture of Data Quality" component of its technical-track training. Eight workshops will be offered to administrators and data teams this fall through ESDs across the state. For the full schedule, visit www.oregondataproject.org.

Certification training for Instructional Strand 2 has been completed, with more than 60 people from across the state now trained to deliver the "Using Data to Improve Learning in Districts and Schools" course. Certification training for Strand 3, "Using Data to Improve Learning in the Classroom," is scheduled for May 12-14. The next meeting of the Data Quality Work Group, which oversees the project, is set for May 21. For more information, visit the Oregon DATA Project's website, www.oregondataproject.org.

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Seeking Nominations for Instructional Materials Evaluators

The ODE is seeking nominations of teachers, specialists and others who have interest and experience in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics to evaluate instructional materials August 10 through August 16, 2009 at WOU. The representative group of evaluators selected are paid and reimbursed for travel. Nomination forms may be found [on line](#).

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