Follett Challenge Reveals Semifinalists, Video Winners

Two New Jersey schools join Illinois, Michigan schools among final four

MCHENRY, ILL., April 14, 2014 – For the third consecutive year, the $200,000 Follett Challenge has provided a forum for K-12 schools from around the country to share inspiring stories of how their innovative programs are preparing students for the demands of the 21st century. In a live webcast today, contest organizers announced this year’s four semifinalists plus the “People’s Choice” winners — those schools whose video submissions received the highest number of online votes from the public.

From the four semifinalists, a grand-prize winner will be selected and announced May 16. The overall winner will earn a $60,000 prize in Follett products and services, while the other three semifinalists will each earn $30,000 in products and services.

In today’s webcast, Tom Schenck, president and COO of Follett School Solutions, announced the four semifinalists:

- **Elementary School Category** – Albert P. Terhune Elementary School; Wayne Township Public Schools; Wayne, N.J.; video: "Augmented Reality Book Trailer Program"
- **Middle School Category** – Memorial Middle School and Thomas Jefferson Middle School; Fair Lawn Public Schools; Fair Lawn, N.J.; video: "Dynamic Math Connections"
- **High School Category** – Belleville West High School; Belleville Township High School District 201; Belleville, Ill.; video: "A Community of Readers"
- **Magnet/Parochial/K12 Category** – Wayland Union Schools; Wayland, Mich.; video: "Media and Technology at Wayland Union Schools"

Ten $5,000 prizes (also in products and services) will be awarded to the “People’s Choice” winners. All four semifinalists placed among the top 10, in addition to these six winning schools as announced by Schenck:

- **Kenston Intermediate School**; Kenston Local School District; Chagrin Falls, Ohio; video: "The World Is My Stage"
- **Peeples Elementary School**; Fayette County Schools; Fayetteville, Ga.; video: "Peeples Cultural Arts Week"
- **Hilton Central School District**; Hilton, N.Y.; video: "Quest Shakes Up Education"
- **Eisenhower Middle/High School**; Warren County School District; Russell, Pa.; video: "The Hub"
- **School Eleven**; Clifton Public School District; Clifton, N.J.; video: "Blast Off Into Reading"
- **Edith Scheuerman USD #457**; Garden City Public Schools; Garden City, Kan.; video: "Places You’ll Go! Career Tour"
A total of 103 entrants completed an online application and uploaded a three- to five-minute video describing their program. The judges scored entries based on critical thinking, communication, creativity and collaboration between students and among teachers and other members of the school staff. More than 233,000 votes were cast in the online competition for favorite videos.

“The innovation and creativity taking place in our schools today never ceases to amaze us,” Schenck said. “The videos are proof that exemplary 21st century teaching and learning is taking place in classrooms throughout the country, and we hope people will take the time to view them. They are truly inspiring, and Follett is proud to shine a light on what passionate educators and motivated students can accomplish.”

For more information on the Follett Challenge, visit www.follettchallenge.com.

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