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### **WINNERS !! *Igniting Creative Energy Challenge***

Thousands of *Igniting Creative Energy Challenge* (ICE) entries were examined in March by nationally recognized judges, who are experts in the field of energy. Three students and one teacher winner were selected and will enjoy a grand prize week in Hawaii.

The winners are:

Elementary School Division-Heather Wilder, Las Vegas, Nevada

Middle School Division-Tabitha Head, El Campo, Texas

High School Division-Thuy Le, Waldorf, Maryland

Teacher Division-Karen Dolan, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

The winners will also travel to Washington D.C. in June to share their ideas at the Energy Efficiency Forum. Judge Blanche Sheinkopf from the Department of Energy, EnergySmart Schools, believes that the *Igniting Creative Energy Challenge* provides an outstanding opportunity for students to creatively express their ideas and concerns about energy. All of the judges were impressed with the creative ideas that students submitted, as well as the concern students demonstrated for a positive energy future. Check the ICE web-site for winners and their projects as well as information regarding the 2006 *Challenge* at [www.ignitingcreativeenergy.org](http://www.ignitingcreativeenergy.org)

### **Sixth Largest School District Partners with NEF**

Clark County School District, the sixth largest school district in the United States, has partnered with the National Energy Foundation, the Nevada State Office of Energy and the Nevada Small Business Development Center to implement an energy saving program. Schools in the district are targeted to minimize energy use and as a result save money. Administrators, teachers, students and custodians are educated on energy topics and are taught how to monitor their schools energy use. This Energy Action In Schools program will additionally benefit the community as students learn how they can implement energy saving measures in their own homes. Sunny Dent, NEF Director of Programs, recently traveled to Nevada to direct this exciting implementation project. For information on the Energy Action in Schools program contact NEF at [info@nef1.org](mailto:info@nef1.org)

### **National Leadership Conference**

The bi-annual conference of NEF coordinators from across the country was held in March at NEF headquarters. Leaders came together to train on new programs and materials, as well as meet with staff in Salt Lake City, Utah. In group sessions coordinators discussed their unique challenges and shared their successes. They participated in the preliminary judging phase of the *Igniting Creative Energy Challenge*, which entailed long hours of carefully reviewing entries. The expertise and experience of coordinators is immeasurable as they contribute to NEF's success.

### **Churchill County Schools Target Energy Savings**

Schools in Fallon Nevada will aggressively pursue energy management and savings in their school district as they take advantage of a Rebuild America EnergySmart Schools grant. In partnership with the National Energy Foundation the district will establish Energy Patrols in classrooms and teach students how to monitor energy use. Training events will prepare administration and teachers to execute this behavior modification program. The district will also establish a rebate program that will reward schools for meeting energy saving targets.

### **Aggregates Industry Convention**

“Support Your Local Schools” was the message NEF communicated to the aggregates and construction industries recently at the international ConExpo–ConAgg exhibition at the Las Vegas Convention Center. NEF’s colorful and detailed rocks and minerals materials were on display and attendees were educated on how their companies can support local schools by providing these excellent materials to teachers and students within their communities. Convention attendees showed particular interest in the popular Out of the Rock Aggregates Kit and the Aggregates and Construction Materials posters. For information on these materials go to [www.nefl.org/outoftherock](http://www.nefl.org/outoftherock)

### **Quote...**

**“It is incredible to see the ideas and creativity students have about our energy use and energy future. They’re thinking today about ways to make their environment cleaner and lives better tomorrow.”**

**Ken Sheinkopf, ICE Judge, Commenting on the quality of ICE entries.**

### **CALENDAR**

April 22-23	Debate State Tournament, Utah
April 26-May 1	ICE Competition winners Prize Trip, Hawaii
May 12	National Energy Foundation Board Meeting, Washington, D.C.
June 7	Utah Mining Association Golf Tournament Fund Raiser
June 12-16	National Minerals Education Conference, Tucson, AZ
June 15	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Energy Efficiency Forum, Washington, D.C.

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