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### PARADISE TEACHER RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

David Goymer, a math and science teacher at Paradise Adventist Academy, will be presented with a national award Sunday, June 5. David is among 10 teachers selected this spring by the Alumni Awards Foundation (AAF) to receive a 2011 Excellence in Teaching Award.

The award ceremony will be during the school's graduation held at 11 a.m. at Paradise Adventist Academy, 5699 Academy Dr., Paradise, Calif., 95969. The honoree will receive \$2,000 and a medallion.

AAF is a foundation that supports Seventh-day Adventist schools in North America. The Foundation makes award selections on the basis of classroom innovation, community involvement and leadership.

David is known for his innovative teaching techniques and for accommodating a variety of learning styles. When students have nominated a teacher two years in a row, and statements roll in that college physics and pre-calculus are a "review from high school," it is a highly commendable testimony to a remarkable teacher. While he himself is continuing to pursue his education with a Masters in mathematics, David has pushed students to become their best as well. Both SAT and ACT math scores have increased since he has been at Paradise.

"Looking back, the teachers that I now appreciate the most were the ones that were enthusiastic about what they taught and had high expectations for their students, like Mr. Goymer," said former student Michael Zumwalt. "Mr. Goymer's excitement for the classes he teaches inspires his students to go the extra mile scholastically while building a closer relationship with God."

David enjoys interacting with young people on many levels – academically, spiritually, socially, musically, and athletically. He started and coaches an intramurals soccer team on campus, which has become a CIF league participant in Northern California and a full-fledged varsity sport that is now part of the school's athletic program.

Nominated by principals, superintendents, colleagues, and former students, 10 teachers will be celebrated across the nation in upcoming weeks for the impact they have had in their local Seventh-day Adventist schools. Full disclosure of the 10 finalists will be released in late June.

AAF is a nonprofit organization that develops new ways to fund, advance and sustain excellence in Seventh-day Adventist K-12 schools. AAF has awarded grants to Adventist schools and teachers totaling more than \$1.4 million. Since its establishment in 1995, the organization has recognized 106 exceptional teachers with an Excellence in Teaching Award. The Adventist education system includes 915 schools, 15 colleges and universities, and 4,699 teachers in North America.

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**PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES:**

David Goymer receiving an Alumni Awards Foundation 2011 Excellence in Teaching Award from AAF Board Member Arpad Soo.

David Goymer with his \$2,000 check and medallion.