

GKE Foundation

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GKE FOUNDATION JOINS WITH CHINESE LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY-ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS TO RECOGNIZE INTERNATIONAL PEDAGOGY THROUGH GKE FOUNDATION-CLASS SCHOLARS IN INNOVATION DIGITAL STARLIGHT AWARDS.

GKE FOUNDATION joins with CLASS to recognize the outstanding efforts and committed reach into innovative pedagogy achieved by outstanding Chinese Language teachers, who participated in the 2002 US Department of Education's Fulbright Hays Group Project Abroad.

Through a grant from the US Department of Education's Fulbright-Hays Program, K-12 Chinese teachers have had opportunities to travel to China for intensive language training, cultural experiences, and Chinese language teaching pedagogy courses at the Beijing Language and Culture University and Yunnan University. Associated with that study abroad program, standards-based curriculum teaching units for use in Chinese language classrooms in primary and secondary schools have been developed.

GKE and CLASS have joined to recognize and provide further dissemination and development to the cultural intensification and instructional development process of CLASS Fulbright Hays participants. CLASS leaders have identified from the content materials submitted by Fulbright Hays teacher participants, the three most outstanding units for GKE Foundation-CLASS Scholars in Innovation Digital Starlight Awards. Additionally, CLASS leaders have further screened the submitted materials and identified several GKE Foundation-CLASS Teachers in Innovation Digital Starlight Awards winners and several instructors to receive Honorable Mention GKE Foundation-CLASS Teachers in Innovation Digital Starlight Awards. CLASS criteria used highlighted

- ✓ Modern, creative technology use
- ✓ Task-based, project activities rather than drill
- ✓ Correct Chinese characters and sentences.
- ✓ Replicable strategies and extension opportunities
- ✓ Clarity in purpose and attention to standards
- ✓ Complete process of instruction

Materials from the GKE Foundation-CLASS Innovation Digital Starlight Awards will be published onto CD-ROM and disseminated without cost to all Fulbright Hays Study Abroad, K-12 Chinese Teacher participants as well as to interested primary and secondary school CLASS members. Further international development and collaborative brainstorming seminars to continue the instructional development and innovative learning processes are planned.

A two day interactive GKE-CLASS training session is planned for June. The interaction will be focused on the GKE Innovation Process and award-winning, empowered learner projects led by Florence McGinn, United States National Tech&Learning Teacher of the Year and a former United States Commissioner on Web-based Education for the Clinton administration. Additionally, Florence McGinn will lead exploration of Hope Education Foundation opportunities, perspectives of the new, GKE Global

Innovative Learning Center attached to Peking University, and collaborative penetration into key questions raised by Chinese educators during GKE REACHING DEEPER INTO INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ISSUES panel discussions held in Beijing. Florence McGinn will lead collaborative, brainstorming sessions on new project opportunities and powerful, innovative educational extensions to the upcoming 2004, already awarded Fulbright Hays Study Abroad funding.

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