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Coventry High School Receives \$5,000 Best Buy Teach Award

Coventry High School teacher Allyson Hand earned a Best Buy Teach Award in the amount of \$5,000. The 2009 Best Buy Teach Awards Program gives \$2 million to schools nationwide for integrating interactive technology into the classroom. Ms. Hand plans to use the funds in order to purchase graphing calculators which will greatly enhance her mathematics instruction. In her extensive application submission Ms. Hand states, "Technology is driving the world that we live in and this is one way to provide twenty-first century learners with the tools needed for achievement." Troy Hopkins, Coventry High School Principal, exclaimed, "I am very appreciative of Allyson Hand for her outstanding efforts in acquiring this technology for the students in Coventry."

This year, Best Buy Teach Awards, ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000, have been given to more than 460 schools to sustain or enhance existing educational programs. Building on its connection with "@15", Best Buy's platform to connect with teens, fifteen 9th grade programs were awarded \$10,000 for technology-based programs they've successfully implemented.

"Teachers are finding creative ways to engage students by using technology hands-on. We want to support their efforts by helping them enhance or expand these programs," said Paula Prah, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs, Communications, and Corporate Responsibility of Best Buy Co. Inc. "We know that schools are the cornerstones of these communities where our employees, customers, and their families live and work."

Since 2003, the Best Buy Teach Awards Program has rewarded schools that creatively integrate interactive technology into their curricula. Over the past five years nearly 6,000 schools nationwide have received \$17 million in Teach Awards, reaching 1.5 million K-12 students. All accredited, public and private nonprofit elementary, middle and secondary schools are eligible.

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