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## MAPE Launches Teacher Wall of Fame at [www.mapie.org](http://www.mapie.org)

Are there teachers in your life who deserve gold stars? Now you can personally and publicly award their contributions to education on the Teacher Wall of Fame!

The Teacher Wall of Fame recognizes special individuals, living or deceased, who have put you, your child or someone you care about on the road to life-long learning.

For a \$25 donation, the honoree's name, school information and a brief description of his or her accomplishments will appear on a star icon along with the name of the donor. For a \$35 donation, MAPE will add a photo of the honoree.

All donations to MAPE are tax-deductible.

MAPE will also mail a letter to the honoree or honoree's family to inform them about the Teacher Wall of Fame posting.

Be among the first to recognize the special teachers in your life on the Teacher Wall of Fame!

For more information, including a Wall of Fame nomination form, visit [www.mapie.org](http://www.mapie.org).

**Teacher Wall  
of Fame**

at [www.mapie.org](http://www.mapie.org)



## Winter-Reed Partnership Award

Honoring the "Boys of Spring"  
and Robert Clark

April 26, 2011

Jackson Convention Center  
*Sponsorship info and online registration  
available at [www.mapie.org](http://www.mapie.org)*

## State's Top Partnerships to be Honored at Governor's Awards Luncheon on March 23

Nominations are open for the 2011 Governor's Awards for outstanding school-community partnerships. MAPE is hosting the annual awards luncheon on March 23, 2011, at the Jackson Marriott Downtown.

Make sure your partnership gets the recognition it deserves and submit your Governor's Award application by Feb. 11, 2011.

Nomination forms are available at [www.mapie.org](http://www.mapie.org), as well as online registration for the awards luncheon and information about past winners.

This year's Governor's Awards will follow the PREPS Value Added Awards, which will be presented the morning of March 23 at the Marriott.

Earlier this year MAPE formed an alliance with PREPS (Program of Research and Evaluation for Public Schools) to strengthen partnership training activities and outreach efforts throughout the state.

In past years MAPE's State Conference was held the same day

as the Governor's Awards. Instead of doing one large conference in Jackson each year, MAPE decided to team with PREPS to sponsor regional training sessions around the state to give more school districts a chance to participate in partnership-training opportunities.

This fall MAPE and PREPS coordinated three regional training sessions for educators and business leaders interested in launching or enhancing partnerships. Sessions were held in Greenwood, Tupelo and Pascagoula.

Participants who attended sessions learned the nuts and bolts of building programs in their schools or communities, with training provided by professionals with years of experience in partnership successes — teachers, business people, school administrators and partnership coordinators.

See photos from training sessions on page 2.

# Regional Partnership Training Sessions

## Delta Session, Sept. 29 - Hampton Inn, Greenwood



Jim Lyles, Entergy Mississippi customer account manager in Grenada, explains the connection between economic development recruitment and education.



Beth Stevens, executive director of the Greenwood-Leflore Chamber of Commerce, explains the Chamber's work in education and partnerships with schools, including the highly successful Young Emerging Leaders of Leflore (YELL) program for high school juniors.

## North Mississippi Session, Oct. 7 - Tupelo Middle School



From left: Lindy Hopkins, retired educator, Tiffany Harrison, community coalition specialist for the Roger F. Wicker Center for Creative Learning at MUW, and MAPE board member Suzanne Bean, community liaison for the Center, break for lunch.



From left: MAPE board members Lisa Merriman, Danette McAlexander, Linda Aldy and Cindy Ward are shown with Jack Reed Sr., guest speaker.

## Gulf Coast Session, Nov. 9 - Family Interactive Center, Pascagoula



MAPE Secretary Danette McAlexander of the Hattiesburg School District (left) and MAPE board member Rebecca Starling of Jackson Public Schools discuss ideas for launching or enhancing partnership programs.

# Strong Bodies, Strong Minds

## Partnering to Improve Health in the Amory School District

**By Carol Rogers, Grant Writer  
Amory School District**

There are many factors that come together each day to provide students and faculty a safe and healthy environment in which to learn. The Mississippi State Department of Education, Office of Healthy Schools, uses the slogan "Health is Academic," and we're finding this to be true every day in the Amory City School District.

Districts in the state are required to develop wellness policies, form health councils and fully meet nutrition and physical education standards under the Mississippi Healthy Students Act, 2007 Mississippi Public School Accountability Standards and the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004.

These elements will culminate in Coordinated School Health Programs that focus on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. The model consists of eight interactive components: health education, physical education, health services, nutrition services, counseling, psychological and social services, healthy school environment, health promotion for staff, and family and community involvement.

None of these components can be fully effective when done alone. However, when implemented together, they can positively influence student and faculty performance.

Community partnerships have supported many academic programs in our district, including providing laptops for high-school seniors, awarding grants to implement creative, high-level thinking classroom activities, awarding scholarships for college, donating buildings and land being donated to the district and creating outdoor classrooms, to mention a few.

Just as partnerships must be forged to meet the academic goals of the district, partnerships are also necessary to meet health concerns. In order to implement components of

the Coordinated School Health Program, partnerships must be initiated with teachers, administrators, students, parents and a multitude of community resources.

In our district these partnerships have led to grants to provide school nurses, Medicaid clinics, fitness centers, climbing walls, indoor and outdoor physical education equipment, nutritious snacks and more.

This summer we partnered with our local hospital to implement a faculty wellness program. Faculty, staff and family members who have Blue Cross Blue Shield coverage completed their health quotients at <http://knowyourbenefits.dfa.state.ms.us>.

Then we scheduled our health fair at each school site. Our school nurses and hospital staff worked together to administer hepatitis A & B vaccines, Tap, and flu vaccines at schools. We offered fasting lab work that included glucose, lipids, prostate specific antigen, blood pressure checks, height and weight, and we also calculated body mass indexes.

In addition, we gave orders that could be used at the hospital to schedule mammograms.

Employees were encouraged to schedule visits with their private doctors for wellness exams, with all test results delivered to doctors prior to office visits. Tests covered for each age group are listed at the website above. You can click at the top of the page to find a list of Wellness/Preventive Coverage under the state Blue Cross Blue Shield employee plan. A drop-down option lists adult care and well child care.

Prior to health screens, our staff provided copies of their drivers' licenses and insurance cards, and all of the charges were filed by the hospital under the employee wellness plan. Approximately 125 people participated in this program.

It's apparent that multiple partnerships are necessary and can be cultivated to improve student and faculty health and academic performance. We found that sometimes all it took was asking and working out the details.

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**Partnerships can provide fitness equipment and activities, such as climbing walls that build strength, balance and flexibility.**

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## Anglin Named Communicator of the Year



Congratulations to MAPE President Debbie Anglin, director of communications for the Pascagoula School District, who was honored with the inaugural Mississippi School Public Relations Communicator of the Year Award for 2010.

Anglin has served as director for eight years. In addition to photographing events at all 19 schools in the district, she works closely with area media, providing stories and photos of featured events throughout the district. She is the district's internal facilitator of its five-year strategic plan and serves as the liaison for Backpack Buddies and Gulf Coast for Kids. She also wrote the winning grant application for the district's nomination of Pascagoula for America's Promise 100 Best Communities in America.

"The Pascagoula School District is very proud Mrs. Anglin has been recognized for her work in the district," said Supt. Wayne Rodolfich. "She is dedicated to the students, teachers and staff of the Pascagoula School District and works tirelessly to ensure our students and teachers are recognized for their accomplishments."