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Dear WBEA Members and Friends:

One of the recipients from among America's Best Teachers for 2011 is **Stefani Cook** from Rigby, Idaho. Also one of the recipients from among Canada's 2011 Excellence in Teaching Awards is **Gerald Chung**. These two honored teachers receive this month's **HIGH FIVE**.

Stefani Cook is a business education teacher at Rigby High School. As Idaho Teacher of the Year, she received \$1,000 from the Idaho State Department of Education, \$16,000 in technology from the SMARTer Kids Foundation, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. Stefani Cook was selected for her unending passion to raise student achievement, innovation in the classroom, and a strong will to continue to improve her skills as a teacher. She was also commended for using new technologies to engage her students in the learning process.

Gerald Chung is a highly respected Advanced Placement Computing Science teacher at Bev Facey Community High School in Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada. Other courses he teaches include financial management, marketing, and networking. He also coaches basketball. Gerald was honored in Edmonton, Canada, and received a comprehensive technology package, which includes a SMART board. He was selected because he has started new technology programs such as the class CompWorks that allows students to work on their IT Essentials for CISCO and their A+ Computer repair certificate. Besides his work with high school students, Gerald also provides valuable in-service sessions for educators in Information Communication Technology Programs of Study.

Don't you agree that teachers are worth celebrating? The best among us deserve our admiration. Congratulations **Stefani** and **Gerald** for caring for the students that you teach and receiving top honors.

FROM **ME** (ME equals Membership) 4 YOU 2 DO: Nominate one of our members for one of the WBEA educator awards—details at our web site. Deadline is December 1.

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Roietta Fulgham, 2011-12 WBEA President