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## ALLARD ANNOUNCES FOUR COLORADO TEACHERS SELECTED FOR 2001 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Washington, DC- U.S. Senator Wayne Allard(R-CO) today announced that four Colorado teachers have been selected to receive the prestigious 2001 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). The White House program, administered by the National Science Foundation (NSF), bestows the nation's highest honor for mathematics and science teachers for kindergarten through grade 12.

The four Colorado teachers selected to receive the award were: Melissa Lou Colman from Campus Middle School in Englewood, Steven Iona from Horizon High School in Brighton, Mary Pat Weingardt from Burlington Elementary School and Patricia Rundell Bell from Shepardson Elementary School in Fort Collins.

“I want to congratulate these four outstanding Colorado teachers for being selected to receive this very prestigious honor,” said Allard. “Their commitment to their students, school and community have made them outstanding role models for teachers everywhere.”

The Presidential awardees--who represent every state, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and the U.S. Department of Defense schools--were selected from more than 600 nominees. After an initial selection process at the state or territorial level, a national panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, and educators recommends teachers to receive a Presidential award--one elementary and one secondary mathematics teacher, and one elementary and one secondary science teacher from each state and jurisdiction.

Each 2001 Presidential awardee receives a \$7,500 grant to their school and a trip to Washington, D.C., to attend the award's ceremony and participate in the award week activities. The teachers will be honored at a Kennedy Center awards ceremony on Wednesday evening and a Congressional breakfast on Thursday morning at the U.S. Capitol.

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