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ALBERT EINSTEIN DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR FELLOWSHIPS ANNOUNCED ITEEA Member Selected for Distinguished Fellowship at the National Science Foundation's Lifelong Learning Cluster

WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 – The Triangle Coalition for Science and Technology Education announces the selection of Terrie Rust, a Technology and Career Exploration teacher of Grades 5-8 at Oasis Elementary School, Peoria, Arizona as a 2010-11 Einstein Fellow. The prestigious Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program offers elementary and secondary science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) teachers with a demonstrated excellence in teaching an opportunity to serve in the national education or public policy arenas. One of 32 teachers serving this year, Terrie was carefully selected from a nationwide pool of applicants.

Terrie Rust, an 18 year teaching veteran, has been nationally recognized for her work in building the Technology, Life, Careers program for the elementary schools in her district. The program was cited for excellence by the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA) in March 2010. Rust says, "My personal teaching philosophy is founded on my view of teaching as a public trust. I take my responsibilities seriously and know that I owe my students no less than my best effort." Her enthusiasm for technology led to the creation of the Girls Exploring Technology (G.E.T.) club at her school, the subject of Rust's article in the Fall 2006 issue of *Illinois Journal of Technology Education* entitled "Girls Exploring Technology: A Program to Involve Girls in Underserved Careers". Rust earned the Visible Difference Award from the Arizona Association of Career and Technical Education in 2007 for her work with G.E.T.

Rust holds B.A. and M.A. degrees in Home Economics from San Jose State University. She also received her teacher training there, and credits the teacher program for instilling in her the passion for life-long learning and the zeal to share what she's learned with others. After teaching technology for 9 years, she decided she wanted more of her personal education to reflect what she taught, and earned a M.Ed. in Educational Technology from Northern Arizona University, graduating with Distinction in 2003.

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More About The Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program:

The Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program was authorized by an act of Congress in 1994. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Energy and is coordinated by Triangle Coalition for Science and Technology Education. Selected teachers spend a school year in the Washington, DC metro area, serving in a Congressional Office or a Federal agency. Fellows provide practical insights and real world perspective to policy makers and program managers developing or managing education programs. The fellowships increase understanding, communication, and cooperation

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between the science, technology, and mathematics education community and legislative and executive branches of the Federal government.

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