



## Milken Educator Awards Program Goals

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Outstanding educators who continue to learn are essential to the fostering of student growth, the improvement of schools and the enhancement of the education profession. Hence, the goals of the Milken Educator Awards are:

- To honor and reward outstanding K-12 educators for the quality of their teaching, their professional leadership, their engagement with families and the community, and their potential for even greater contributions to the healthy development of children.
- To focus public attention on the importance of excellent educators.
- To encourage able, caring and creative people to choose the challenge, service and adventure of teaching as a career.
- To create national and state networks of Milken Educators that:
  - Foster the active professional development and career enhancement of Milken Educators and other professionals,
  - Encourage Milken Educators to help shape the educational policies that influence their classrooms and schools,
  - Connect Milken Educators with the educational improvement efforts of state and federal education agencies, universities, educators, corporate partners and others.
- To engage corporate and foundation partners in assisting Milken Educators and in supporting policies that advances education.

**To date, nearly 2,600 Awards have been given out, totaling over \$64 million. The one-time award is just the beginning. Milken Educators are given access to powerful networking and development tools throughout their careers in education. When combined, more than \$136 million has been devoted to the overall program.**