



It is with honor that I announce to you the following:

Pleasant Valley High School science teacher Danielle Spaete has been awarded the 2005 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the Nation's highest honor for teaching in these fields.

Danielle is the only science winner from Iowa and one of 100 7th-12th grade teachers nationwide to receive the award.

She traveled to Washington, D.C., in May of 2006 to accept her award and to attend professional development activities.

In a citation given to Danielle, President Bush commended her "for embodying excellence in teaching, for devotion to the learning needs of the students, and for upholding the high standards that exemplify American education at its finest."

As an awardee, Danielle receives a \$10,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, the independent federal agency that administers the awards program on behalf of the White House and an all expenses-paid trip to Washington.

This year's recipients - recommended for the award by a panel of leading mathematicians, scientists and educators are 7th-12th grade teachers.

"This experience will lead to an increased amount of opportunities to work with other professionals at the state and national levels," Danielle said when asked what she expected to be the most valuable part of the Presidential Award process.

The National Science Foundation is an independent federal agency that supports fundamental research and education across all fields of science and engineering.