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The Community Education Center Announces its 2009 "Teacher Grant Program" Winners

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WASHINGTON— The American Immigration Council's Community Education Center is proud to announce the winners of the 2009-2010 Teacher Grant Program. The grant program is a Community Education Center initiative to provide teachers with the resources they need to implement a successful immigration curriculum.

This year's winners come from all around the country and provide a breadth of knowledge and ideas to teach students and educators about the importance of immigration in our country. The awardees are Forest View Elementary School, Durham, NC; Michigan State University's Asian Pacific American Studies Program, and the Caitlin Gabel School, Portland, OR.

Director of the Curriculum Center, Claire Tesh, says, "Our grant program rewards classroom teachers and community leaders who have innovative ideas in integrating immigration issues into their teaching. In return the Community Education Center shares their results with the greater public through lesson plans, multimedia and other projects."

For the past decade, the Community Education Center has been providing educators with funding projects that support the American Immigration Council's mission of promoting the benefits of immigrants to our nation. This collaboration with motivated educators across the United States is helping to keep diversity in the classroom and the surrounding community.

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The American Immigration Council's Curriculum Center strives to promote a better understanding of immigrants and immigration by providing educational resources that inspire people to engage in thoughtful dialogue, creative teaching, and critical thinking while being culturally and historically sensitive to others. Visit our website at www.communityeducationcenter.org.

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