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SPREADING THE JOY

ISTE hosts several awards programs, some of which occur on an annual basis at the National Educational Computing Conference (NECC) and some of which are one-time award presentations. The Jolaine's Joy Scholarship Program is a one-time presentation established in memory of Jolaine Harbour, a dedicated and joyful educator. Harbour was a distinguished pioneer in education technology and a long-time member and friend of ISTE who died in August 2004.

In the 1970s, Harbour embarked on a career path to help all children achieve their full potential, first as a middle school teacher in Weatherford, Texas, then through various positions with private companies including Houghton-Mifflin and Apple. She was instrumental in helping school districts throughout the United States understand the power of technology, and she established programs that helped U.S. legislators understand the value of technology as a tool for teaching and learning. In the late 1990s, she joined PalmOne as the National Director of Strategic Relationships, continuing the mission to bring affordable technologies to every child through grants. Harbour tirelessly traveled the world to help others gain her vision for making children's lives better. She was known to say "It's about the children."
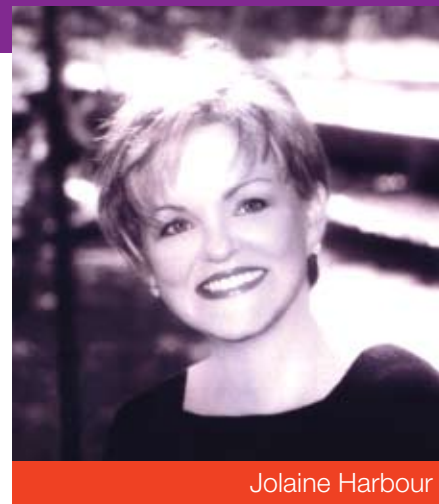
In that spirit, Harbour's friends and family worked with ISTE to establish the award program to recognize motivated and promising middle and high school students. ISTE is pleased to announce the initial recipients of Jolaine's Joy here:

- Billy Cole, E.L. Wright Middle School, Grade 7, Columbia, South Carolina
- Sabrina Georges, Saint Vincent Academy, Grade 11, Newark, New Jersey
- Kathryn McKinney, Mad River Middle School, Grade 7, Riverside, Ohio
- Zenon Muñoz, Phoenix Preparatory School, Grade 7, Phoenix, Arizona
- Raul Ponce, Madison Park School, Grade 8, Phoenix, Arizona

Thanks to generous donations, each award recipient will receive an Apple iBook; a three-year protection plan; one year of free Internet access; VitalSource Library; World Book Encyclopedia by MacKiev; Brenthaven computer carrying cases; and Microsoft Office, Kid Pix, and SAT software.

ISTE thanks those members who nominated students—Lisa Harris,

Jolaine Harbour

Vicki Reese, Sister Ellen Dauwer, Jennifer Lane, and Tom Lind—as well as those board members who presented awards in person—Joyce Pittman and Helen Padgett. We also extend special thanks to Barbara Nelson from Apple, a close friend of Harbour, who garnered interest for the program and ensured that all of the donations reached the deserving students. As of press time, additional winners from Lafayette, Louisiana, Harbour's hometown, were being determined. Selection was delayed due to the ongoing effects of Hurricane Katrina.

—Chris Traver, Lead Project Manager, Professional Development Services, ISTE

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