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Golden Apple Teachers of Distinction announced in Lee County

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Jan. 13, 2012) – 67 teachers from The School District of Lee County are dubbed Teachers of Distinction in the Golden Apple process (list attached). The Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program brings awareness to the teaching profession in Lee County by recognizing top teachers in the district. This week, 33 teachers were announced finalists and surprised in their classroom by business and community leaders, school administrators, the Golden Apple Selection Committee and The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools. An additional 67 teachers make up the top 100 teachers in the process.

“The Golden Apple Finalists and Teachers of Distinction are representative of the great teaching that is going on in Lee County Schools. Teachers have perhaps the most important profession in the world, educating our next generation,” said Marshall Bower, president & CEO of The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools. “We are honored to recognize them each year, and so proud of all they do for our students.”

Teachers of Distinction ranked high in the Golden Apple application process and will continue to be recognized through upcoming Golden Apple activities. These top 100 educators have the opportunity to attend a professional development teacher training, Collegium for the Advancement of Education, which focuses on best practices and student achievement.

About The Foundation: The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc. is a private, 501(c) 3 organization established in 1986. Its mission is to enhance and enrich the quality of public education in Lee County for students and educators through programs, resources and experiences made possible through corporate, individual and educational partnerships. The Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program™ was the first major project founded and developed by The Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Inc. Since its inception, 134 teachers in the School District of Lee County have received the Golden Apple award. **Major Sponsors of the 2011-2012 Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program are: Century Link, Chico’s FAS, Inc., Lee Memorial Health System, The News-Press Media Group, Wells Fargo, and WINK – TV.**

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