

Preuss School 'Educator Extraordinaire' Wins Multiple Awards for Talent and Dedication

Science teacher Anne Artz recognized for educating students about environmental awareness

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Anne Artz of The Preuss School UCSD is among 34 science teachers in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico named Tuesday as a recipient of the 18th annual Amgen Award for Science Teaching Excellence. She also was recently selected as one of the 2010 Bezos Scholars and one of 10 teachers nationwide to receive a grant from the Society for Science and the Public.

As a result of Artz's efforts, The Preuss School UCSD will be awarded more than \$40,000. Both the Amgen and the Society for Science and the Public grants are related to the topic of environmental science.

"In these budgetary times, Anne Artz has taken it upon herself to not only seek funding for the science curriculum, but to provide the most cutting-edge science and technology education to Preuss students," said Preuss Principal Scott Barton. "She's an educator extraordinaire, an excellent example of the outstanding faculty that we have here at The Preuss School UCSD."

The Preuss School UCSD (<http://preuss.ucsd.edu>) has been consistently ranked as one of America's best high schools by *Newsweek* and *US News and World Report*. Preuss is a middle and high school dedicated to providing intensive college-prep education for motivated low-income students who will become the first in their families to graduate from college. Every year, graduates go on to prestigious universities including University of California campuses, Harvard, Stanford and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

For her teaching talents, Amgen awarded Artz \$5,000 and a restricted \$5,000 cash grant to The Preuss School UCSD "for the expansion or enhancement of a school science program, science resources or the professional development of the school's science teachers."

As one of the teachers to receive the prestigious Society for Science and the Public grant, Artz will bring in \$35,000 to Preuss that will go to teacher training and equipment for Preuss' new Advanced Placement environmental science class, which Artz started teaching last year.

"Environmental science is my passion," Artz said. "I'm particularly interested in environmental design *and sustainability* so that I can use what I learn, along with the grant awards, to further my students' understanding of how they can impact their environment locally and worldwide." The Bezos Scholars program selects 12 of the nation's top public high school juniors and 12 of the most engaged educators for a weeklong seminar designed to encourage dialogue, innovation, community involvement and global awareness at the acclaimed Aspen Ideas Festival in Colorado, July 5-11. Artz is most proud of the number of Preuss students who spend their summers working in campus labs at UC San Diego and continue on to major in science-related fields. "I know I have given them a good foundation to be successful scientists and researchers," she adds.

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