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### Evers commends Presidential Teaching Award recipients

MADISON — High school teachers from Sheboygan and Neenah are Wisconsin’s recipients of Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) announced by the White House earlier this month.

“Wisconsin’s public school teachers make a profound difference for our students,” said State Superintendent Tony Evers. “I want to commend Corey Andreasen, mathematics teacher at Sheboygan North, and Scott Hertting, science teacher in Neenah, for the devotion to teaching excellence that earned them Presidential Awards.”

Each will receive \$10,000 from the National Science Foundation and a citation signed by President Barack Obama. Educational and recognition activities and an awards ceremony will be held in Washington, D.C., later this summer. Andreasen and Hertting are among 108 mathematics and science teachers receiving the award, representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. territories, and Department of Defense Education Activity schools.

**Andreasen**, a National Board Certified Teacher, applied for the award on the advice of a past recipient who told him to do it for the profession. Andreasen said the award means “my voice will be heard when I advocate for students and for changes in how we teach them.” A long-time teacher, Andreasen has spent the past 17 years at North High School in Sheboygan. He teaches all high school grade levels in Advanced Placement Statistics, Transition to College Mathematics, and Math Literacy, an intervention class for struggling students. Andreasen has consulted recently on two Advanced Placement statistics textbooks and written supplemental classroom materials for statistics teachers. He holds a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and a master of education degree from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

**Hertting** of Appleton, has been teaching since 1991, spending the past 22 years at Neenah High School. He teaches general and advanced physics and Advanced Physics Concepts. A modeling method lab he developed, which allows students to experimentally develop the models used to explain phenomena, was published by the American Association of Physics Teachers. He has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and helped found Phox Valley Share Group in 2001. The teaching collaborative meets five times a year to provide

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opportunities for physics and physical science teachers in the surrounding communities to share ideas and lessons. Hertting earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and a master of science degree in physics from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. He is certified in adolescent and young adult science — physics by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

“Both of these educators show a deep passion for their subject,” Evers said. “That along with the connections they make with their students and other professionals are the essence of good teaching.”

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching have been given since 1983 and are considered the nation’s highest honor for teachers of mathematics and science. The more than 4,300 awardees who have been recognized over the years serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education. Nominations for the 2015 award will open this fall.

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**NOTE:** Additional information about the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, including high-resolution photos and the teacher profile, is available at <https://www.paemst.org/>. This news release is available electronically at [http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2015\\_69.pdf](http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2015_69.pdf).