

# MACUL

Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning

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## MACUL RECOGNIZES FIVE MICHIGAN EDUCATORS FOR IMPROVING EDUCATION THROUGH THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

*Lansing (MI), January 23, 2012* – The Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) has named the recipients of its Outstanding Technology-Using Teacher, Technology-Using Educator and Technology Coordinator awards. The awards recognize and honor MACUL members who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the use of technology to improve education. MACUL will honor five educators during its annual conference on March 7-9, 2012 at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids.

MACUL named **Amber Kowatch**, Franklin Elementary School, Ludington Area School District, as the Outstanding Technology-Using Pre K-12 Classroom Teacher, **Anne Thorp**, Ottawa Area Intermediate School District/REMC 7 as the Outstanding Technology-Using Educator, and **Matthew Cook**, Blissfield Community Schools, winner of the Technology Coordinator of the Year.

The award winners will receive gifts presented by representatives from several education technology companies. In addition, both Amber and Anne will represent Michigan in the International Society for Technology in Education's National Outstanding Technology Educator Award competition.

MACUL also named **Ashley McDonald**, Lakeview Elementary School, Ludington Area School District, as the runner-up of the Outstanding Technology-Using Pre K-12 Classroom Teacher, and **Jim Peterson**, Holland Christian High School, Holland Christian Schools, as the runner-up of the Outstanding Technology-Using Educator.

Founded in 1975, MACUL is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing educators from all levels together to ignite learning through meaningful collaboration and innovation. Please visit [www.macul.org](http://www.macul.org) for more information about MACUL initiatives.

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