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**MACUL RECOGNIZES SIX MICHIGAN EDUCATORS FOR
IMPROVING EDUCATION THROUGH THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY**

Lansing (MI), February 17, 2015– The Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) has named the recipients of its Outstanding Technology-Using Teacher, Technology-Using Educator, Technology Coordinator of the year and the Frank Miracola 21Things Educational Excellence awards. The awards recognize and honor MACUL members who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the use of technology to improve education. MACUL will honor the six educators during its annual conference on March 18-20, 2015 at Cobo Center in Detroit.

MACUL named **Joanna Van Raden**, Luther C. Klager Elementary School, Manchester Community Schools, as the Outstanding Technology-Using Pre K-12 Classroom Teacher; **Andrew Steinman**, Educational Technology Consultant, Kent Intermediate School District as the Outstanding Technology-Using Educator; and **Shannon Degan**, Director of Technology and Collaborative Services, Jackson County Intermediate School District, winner of the Technology Coordinator of the Year.

The award winners will receive gifts presented by representatives from several education technology companies. In addition, all winners will be nominated by MACUL for recognition by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE).

MACUL also named the team of **Tosha Miller and Julie Leach**, List Elementary School, Frankenmuth School District, as the runner-up of the Outstanding Technology-Using Pre K-12 Classroom Teacher, and **Jillian Johnson**, Technology Interventionist, Wayne-Westland Community Schools as the runner-up of the Outstanding Technology-Using Educator.

TRIG (Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant) and **Tim Hall** were named the recipient of the President's Award.

MACUL and the REMC Association of Michigan (REMCAM) named **Sarah White**, Chippewa Valley Schools as the recipient of the Frank Miracola 21Things Educational Excellence award. Ms. White is an instructional Technology Coordinator at Chippewa Valley Schools.

Founded in 1975, MACUL is a 13,500 member non-profit organization dedicated to bringing educators from all levels together to ignite learning through meaningful collaboration and innovation. Please visit www.macul.org for more information about MACUL initiatives.