

# MACUL

Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning

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

*Lansing (MI), February 8, 2012* – 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 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.

MACUL and the REMC Association of Michigan (REMCAM) named **Shauna Coleman** as the recipient of the Frank Miracola 21Things Educational Excellence award. Ms. Coleman is a media specialist at Margaret Black Elementary School, Warren Consolidated Schools.

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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