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Carlsbad Science Teacher Selected in National Top 10 Group of Science & Math Teachers

(Santa Fe, NM)—Carlsbad High School science teacher Raymond Nance has been selected to be one of 10 science and math teachers in the nation for the inaugural Society for Science & the Public (SSP) Fellows Program.

The program selected teachers for their unique plan to reach students in underserved communities and to inspire excellence in independent scientific research. The competitive program included entries from high school science and math teachers from 36 states and American Samoa. Each Fellow will receive \$8,500 in 2009 for their classroom and community, full support to attend the Fellows Institute July 27-31, 2009 in Washington, D.C., and ongoing training and resources from SSP.

"Raymond Nance is an excellent example of the professional teachers we have in New Mexico," said New Mexico Education Secretary Veronica C. García. "This national recognition highlights the work he has done and will continue with students at Carlsbad High School. I congratulate him for his dedication to science and education."

A graduate of Carlsbad High School, Mr. Nance is in his 16th year of teaching. He received his Bachelor degree from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas and in 1993 he received his Master of Science from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. He has worked as a mud-logger in the oil and gas industry, a well-site geologist, and a geo-technician and associate engineer at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad. He has taught in Hagerman and Carlsbad schools. He currently teaches chemistry, geology, marine biology, and a research class at Carlsbad High School.

"I really look forward to the opportunity to be part of the first SSP Fellows Class," said Nance. "Science is not a noun; it's a verb. It is something that you do."

"Mr. Nance works tirelessly to ensure that Carlsbad students have the opportunity to publish high-quality independent research and connect with an expanding network of scientific mentors," Carlsbad Superintendent Sheri Williams said. "He involves students in scientific competitions and recently volunteered to jumpstart our new pre-engineering class at the high school through Project Lead the Way, one of New Mexico's premier STEM projects."

"Math and science skills are more important than ever for maintaining U.S. competitiveness in a global economy," said Liz Shipley, Intel's New Mexico Education Manager. "Raymond Nance represents some of country's most innovative math and science teachers by providing the tools and encouragement necessary to grow our next generation of innovators. Intel is proud to support initiatives, such as the SSP Fellows Program, that advance science, technology, engineering and math education."

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