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iEducate Delaware Public Voting Begins

WILMINGTON, Del., August 13, 2013 — The Rodel Foundation of Delaware has named fifteen finalists of the iEducate Delaware™ initiative recognizing champions who work with Delaware’s schoolchildren, statewide. Finalists represent a diverse cross section of educators, community leaders, and other inspiring individuals from up and down the state who are dedicating their time and leadership to Delaware’s students. Rodel President & CEO Paul Herdman said identifying finalists among so many excellent nominations proved challenging.

“In its second year, the response to iEducate Delaware has been overwhelming. We’ve seen the number of great submissions double,” said Herdman. “It’s evidence of this state’s commitment to improve the educational outcomes of all children. These individuals are taking risks and making innovative, positive changes on the ground. Sharing their stories is central to iEducate Delaware’s purpose.”

Public voting for the finalists begins August 13. iEducate Delaware is a community-driven initiative, so public votes will be an input for consideration in the selection of winning honorees. People are able to vote once daily for up to three separate finalists. Voting will close September 9. An external advisory group will work with foundation staff to make the final decision, and up to five winners will be announced at the Vision 2015 conference on October 9, 2013.

Honorees will have their stories published state and nationwide, and will receive \$2,000 toward the education-related cause of their choice.

Visit the www.ieducatedelaware.org website to read the stories of finalists and for program details and rules.

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