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TOP TEACHER SELECTED TO NATIONWIDE "DREAM TEAM"

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 28, 2013 – Alice Lombardo, a teacher from Enrico Fermi School 17, has been selected to the 2013 LearnZillion Dream Team. More than 3,000 teachers, instructional coaches, and administrators from across the country applied, and only 200 were chosen to the highly selective Dream Team. These teachers were chosen based on their understanding of the Common Core State Standards and their ability to create high-quality, highly conceptual lessons that are easily understood by students.

As a member of the Dream Team, Alice will receive an all-expenses paid trip to San Francisco in May for TeachFest, through the support of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. TeachFest is an intensive professional development conference that kicks off the Dream Team experience. Based on the "hack fest" model popularized by computer programmers who spend weekends coding and trading tips, teachers will spend 3 days at TeachFest working with Common Core experts, content specialists and other Dream Team teachers to better understand the new standards and the best ways to teach them. LearnZillion provides teachers with the technology and support they need to translate their classroom expertise into screencasts, a sophisticated but simple use of the computer screen for teaching.

After TeachFest, Dream Team teachers will capture their proven approaches and teaching methods in concise lessons that will then be made available for free to every student, teacher and parent through LearnZillion's online platform at LearnZillion.com. More than 100,000 teachers are registered for the free site as well as 1.5 million students. More than 400,000 teachers and students view LearnZillion lessons each month from hundreds of countries around the world. Throughout the process, Dream Team teachers are motivated by the concept of "scaling their impact" beyond the walls of their own classrooms and schools. By sharing their lessons online, all students and teachers can benefit from the expertise of the Dream Team teachers.

About LearnZillion

LearnZillion was founded by two former teachers who met at Stanford's Graduate School of Business: Eric Westendorf and Alix Guerrier. Eric incubated LearnZillion as the Chief Academic Officer at E.L. Haynes, a top performing school in Washington D.C. After a successful test at E.L. Haynes, LearnZillion received funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, NewSchools Venture Fund, and the Achievement Network to seed high-quality content and develop a webbased platform.

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