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Duchesne Elementary School Teacher Captures The Challenger Center’s “Teacher of the Year” Award

Florissant, Mo., May 12 – Steve Marsden, a fifth-grade teacher at Duchesne Elementary School, has earned the Challenger Center for Space Science Education’s Turner N. Wiley Award. The honor is the Challenger Center’s equivalent to the “Teacher of the Year” award given by local school districts but on a national level.

Marsden will receive the award at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, May 12 at Duchesne Elementary School, 100 S. New Florissant Road, in Florissant. **Challenger Learning Center staff will present the award to Marsden, in their flight suits, during a special assembly.**

Marsden is one of only five educators from around the nation being honored by the Challenger Center for Space Science Education with the Turner N. Wiley Award. The honor recognizes teachers who exemplify the spirit of the Challenger crew’s education mission, and who share a commitment to learning about science, mathematics and technology. Marsden will receive a rare Apollo 8 medallion produced by NASA during the Apollo-era race to the first lunar landing.

A small number of the medallions were entrusted to Mr. Turner Wiley, who at the time of the Apollo 8 mission was Chief of the NASA Communication Engineering Branch at the Goddard Space Flight Center. At his request, his gift is used to honor teachers who perform exemplary work in education.

The Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis offers simulated space missions and other space science education programs. It is part of the Challenger Center for Space Science Education, an international not-for-profit education organization founded in April 1986 by the families of the astronauts tragically lost during the Challenger space shuttle mission. It is organized locally through a partnership of the Ferguson-Florissant School District, the Saint Louis Science Center and the Cooperating School Districts of Greater St. Louis.

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