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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**National Education Association awards \$5,000 Student Achievement Grant to two Hazelwood East teachers**

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Two Hazelwood East High School math teachers are recipients of a \$5,000 Student Achievement Grant from the National Education Association.

Kevin Martin and Emily Knight will use the grant to help improve problem solving and group work in Algebra I classrooms by introducing table technology and increase student collaboration through the sharing of student work, problem sets, and e-portfolios.

The grant will also help Martin and Knight stress the improvement of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and allow students to work in individualized and innovative ways.

“Kevin and Emily’s innovative approach to teaching and learning is an example of what so many of our teachers do to ensure our students are prepared for the future,” said Dr. Jacqueline Kelly, East High School principal. “I am so proud of them and look forward to the good works to come from their efforts.”

Student Achievement Grants provide \$5,000 to improve the academic achievement of students by engaging in critical thinking and problem solving activities that deepen knowledge of standards-based subject matter. Application deadlines are Feb. 1, June 1, and Oct. 15. For more information on the grant, go to [www.neafoundation.org](http://www.neafoundation.org).

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*The Hazelwood School District serves nearly 20,000 students and is the second largest district in St. Louis County. Communities in the district include Hazelwood, Black Jack, Spanish Lake, a large section of Florissant, portions of Bridgeton, Bellefontaine Neighbors and Ferguson, and several square miles of unincorporated St. Louis County. The mission of the Hazelwood School District is to launch learners on a quest for high standards, fairness and distinguished achievement.*

**CAPTION:** Emily Knight, left, and Kevin Martin recently received a \$5,000 grant from the National Education Association. Knight and Martin are mathematics teachers at Hazelwood East High School.

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