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Congratulations to Andrew McCullough of Brunswick High School! Andrew was just announced as an NSTA New Science Teacher Academy Fellow. Andrew and his students at Brunswick High School were also the recipients of the Maine Science Teachers' Association (MSTA) Green Schools Award at the MSTA conference on October 9, 2009 at Gardiner High School.

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2009 NSTA NEW SCIENCE TEACHER ACADEMY FELLOWS ANNOUNCED

The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), the largest professional organization in the world promoting excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning, in partnership with the Amgen Foundation; Agilent Technologies Foundation; Astellas Pharma US, Inc. ("Astellas"); and Bayer Corporation, has announced the 185 middle and secondary science teachers from across the country who will take part as Fellows in the 2009 NSTA New Science Teacher Academy. Selected from hundreds of applications nationwide, the Fellows will participate in a year-long professional development program designed to help promote quality science teaching, enhance teacher confidence and classroom excellence, and improve teacher content knowledge. "At NSTA, we believe it is important to help educators develop their skills as teachers so that they can not only bolster student achievement, but better inspire passion for science in their students," said Dr. Francis Eberle, executive director, NSTA.

Representing 47 states, the District of Columbia, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, the 2009 Fellows were selected on the basis of several criteria, including showing evidence of a solid science background and displaying a strong interest in growing as a professional science educator. Each Fellow will receive a comprehensive NSTA membership package, online mentoring with trained mentors who teach in the same discipline, and the opportunity to participate in a variety of web-based professional development activities, including web seminars. In addition, each Fellow will receive financial support to attend and participate in NSTA's 2010 National Conference on Science Education in Philadelphia, PA. Agilent Technologies Foundation and Bayer Corporation will each fund the participation of 10 science teachers as Agilent Foundation-NSTA Fellows and Bayer-NSTA Fellows, respectively. Astellas will support 15 science teachers from the Chicago area as Astellas-NSTA Fellows. The remaining 150 science teachers will be supported by the Amgen Foundation and named Amgen-NSTA Fellows. For a list of the 2009 Fellows or to learn more about the NSTA New Science Teachers Academy, please visit www.nsta.org/academy. More details about Triangle Coalition member, NTSA, are at www.nsta.org.