



## Spring 2009 Master Teachers and Presenters

### **Linette Shank Andes**

#### **Augusta County Public Schools**

Mrs. Linette Shank Andes lives in Rockingham County with her husband, Greg, and four sons who are in elementary school, middle school, and high school. Linette graduated from BRCC with an AS Degree in Secretarial Science. She later returned to college to complete a Bachelor's Degree at JMU with a major in Disabilities in Schools and Families and a minor in Special Education K-12. She completed a Master's Degree in Special Education K-12 in the spring of 2006 with endorsements in Learning Disabilities (LD), Emotional Disturbances (ED), and Mental Retardation (MR). This is her second year teaching at Verona Elementary School in Augusta County. She teaches 1st and 4<sup>th</sup> grade special education students. In addition to teaching, Linette loves being with her family whenever possible—enjoying soccer, hiking, swimming, fishing, and hunting. She also enjoys photography (digital, webpage design, and SLR), piano, listening to music, reading books, “playing” on the computer, Guitar Hero II on the PS2, and all kinds of “handwork,” such as writing, crocheting, cross stitching, doing needlepoint, sewing, weeding, creating photo albums, and emailing family and friends.

### **Heather Ashley**

#### **Shenandoah County Public Schools**

Heather Ashley teaches technology for the Shenandoah County Public Schools. She is the Past-President of the Shenandoah County Education Association and a clinical faculty member at James Madison, Eastern Mennonite, Bridgewater, and Mary Baldwin College. She became an NTTI Master Teacher in 2002

and is NETS\*T certified. A member of the Virginia Education Association and the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators she enjoys freelance writing of technology articles to various national magazines and education articles for the Virginia Journal in Education. Mrs. Ashley holds a BA Degree from Mary Baldwin College and a Master of Science Degree in Computers in Education from Shenandoah University. In addition to her work as an educator, together with her husband they own and operate car washes and Laundromats.

### **Katy Avoli-Miller**

#### **Staunton City Schools**

Katy is a teacher at Robert E. Lee High School in Staunton. She teaches 11th grade English and Photojournalism. She has a double major from Radford University in English and Communication Studies with concentrations in Public Relations and Graphic Design. She received her teaching certification from Mary Baldwin College. She became an NTTI Master Teacher in 2005 and is NETS\*T certified. She has also participated in the VDOE Palms in the Classroom program. Katy and her husband Robbie live in Staunton with their children Brendan, Kellsye, and Brodie. In her spare time Katy enjoys photography, scrapbooking, gardening, and cooking.

### **Paul Barron**

#### **George C. Marshall Foundation**

Paul Barron is the Director of the Library and Archives at the George C. Marshall Foundation in Lexington, Virginia. After retiring from the Marine Corps, he earned a library degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He is a

NTTI Master Teacher and a former Technology Director for the Rockbridge County Schools. He has provided Web searching staff development workshops for Virginia school divisions and has presented at regional, state, and national educational conferences. He is working on a Web searching workbook to be published by ISTE in 2010.

**Bly Brown**  
**WVPT**

Bly Brown has been involved in education for over thirty years. She holds a MEd in School Library Media Services. Bly has been a school library media specialist, reading teacher and adjunct faculty at JMU and BRCC teaching Children's Literature. This is her fourth year with WVPT Education Services Department.

**Karen Campbell**  
**Harrisonburg City Public Schools**

Karen Campbell, instructional technology supervisor for Harrisonburg City Schools, has been involved with technology for many years. She became an NTTI Master Teacher in 1994-1995 and has been a regular at Institutes since then. Karen has 9 years of experience as an ITRT, first in Page County and then Harrisonburg City. She holds a Masters in Educational Technology degree from JMU. Karen was the first teacher in the area to complete the NETS\*T (National Educational Technology Standards for Teachers) certification through the SVTC EdTech Grant

**Jessica Comisford**  
**Staunton City Public Schools**

Jessica is a second grade teacher teaching in Staunton City Schools. I am married with two little boys who are polar opposites! One is wild and the other is laid back. They keep me busy as well as my job, taking classes, my enthusiasm for integrating technology and training for a half marathon. I am very excited about all that I do and although I stress, I wouldn't trade it for the world!

**Bryan Daniels**  
**Rockingham County Public Schools**

Bryan holds a B.S. and M.A.T. from JMU and an ED.S from UVA. He has been a Technology Instructional Specialist with Rockingham Co. Public Schools since 1996. He has taught numerous technology workshops for NTTI, as well as being adjunct faculty for JMU in Educational Technology. Prior to 1996, Bryan was a high school social studies teacher for 22 years. He enjoys digital photography, hiking, and is an amateur radio operator.

**Amanda Dideum**  
**Rockbridge County**

Amanda Dideum has been teaching Special Education for 6 years. She began her teaching career within the Social Services and juvenile detention sector in Colorado. Amanda moved to North Carolina and began teaching in the public school system in 2006. She now resides in Rockbridge County, Va. where she teaches 6th grade special education Mathematics and Science at Maury River Middle School.

**Melanie R. Dusci**  
**Albemarle County Public Schools**

Melanie Dusci is a 6th grade math teacher in Albemarle County at Henley Middle School. Prior to teaching math, she was a Curriculum & Technology Integration Partner for the county. Throughout her teaching career she has taught at the middle and elementary school levels. She has participated in the National Gallery of Art Teacher Institute on Digital Storytelling and has also served as a technology support member for the NGA. Melanie received her Bachelor's degree from JMU, is Master Teacher, and is NETS\*T certified.

**Becky Fisher**  
**Albemarle County Public Schools**

Becky is the Assistant Director for Information Management and Instructional Technology for Albemarle County Public Schools. She has been an educator for over 20 years and has been recognized through a variety of professional organizations for her teaching, technology integration and administrative leadership.

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Becky is an NTTI Master Teacher and presents regularly at state and national technology conferences. Her specific areas of interest include assessment for learning, teaching for understanding, and leveraging technology to eliminate gaps in learning.

### **Paul J. Grassler** **Creative Bones**

Paul Grassler is a man not to be typecast, having filled roles as varied as U.S. Marine, art director, graphic design department manager, raiser of hogs and cattle, videographer, digital technology and video production teacher for middle-schoolers, art glass designer, father, and husband. Add to the mix the variety of employers/contractors for these jobs and it gets even more interesting: U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Secret Service (as their first art director!), Central Intelligence Agency, the National Reconnaissance Office, Fenton Art Glass Company, and an after-school program for middle-schoolers. Top this off with Paul's enjoyment of family ("the love and company of two daughters, one stepdaughter, a loving wife, and one spoiled hound dog"). The result is Paul's recipe for life—create, explore, enjoy, love, and teach/share.

### **Amy Wolf Gubler** **Rappahannock County Public Schools**

Amy Wolf Gubler has served as an ITRT for Rappahannock County Public Schools for four years. Prior to becoming an ITRT, she has seventeen years of teaching experience. She is NETS\*T certified, an NTTI master teacher, and Palm certified. In her spare time, she enjoys being active with her two children and their sports teams.

### **Linda Harpine** **Rockingham County Public Schools**

Linda Harpine is an elementary gifted resource teacher in Rockingham County Public Schools and adjunct instructor at James Madison University teaching the class, Technology in Our World: Better by Design. She has worked in elementary and middle education for thirty-seven years and helped develop the children's

engineering program in Virginia. She is currently a member of the Virginia Children's Engineering Council, the Virginia Technology Education Association and the International Technology Education Association.

### **Bruce H. Hemp** **Augusta County Public Schools**

Bruce Hemp teaches math at Fort Defiance High School in Augusta County, Virginia. She is also an adjunct at Mary Baldwin College. Bruce is on the board of Jacob's Ladder, an enrichment summer residential program for exceptionally gifted students who are at risk of not reaching their academic potential. She has been associated with both the WBRA and WVPT Teacher Training Institutes as a Master Teacher since 1997. Bruce has also been an Educator Ambassador (EA) for NASA Education and Public Outreach (EPO) since 2001. She received her NETS\*T certification in 2008.

### **Dale Herring** **Greene County Public Schools**

Dale Herring is a husband and father of three teenagers. In his spare time he is the Director of Technology for Greene County Public schools.

### **Sandra Himelright** **Page County Public Schools**

Sandra Himelright has a Master's Degree from James Madison University in Special Education. She is endorsed and has taught all categories of disability including: Mental Retardation, Emotional Disturbances, and Learning Disabilities. She also has an Educational Leadership Master's Degree from George Mason University. She has a broad experience level from classroom to administration and has worked in both the private residential and public school environments. She has been working with children for 14 years both teaching and learning. She started her formal educational career from a federal program, Troops to Teachers, after many years of service in the United States Army.

**Linda R. Holt**

**WVPT**

Linda Holt is an Education Services Specialist and the NTTI Manager for WVPT. Prior to coming to the station last April, Linda worked as an Educational Media and Training Specialist for the Virginia Department of Education. She taught English and Spanish in Caroline County and was a library media specialist in Greene County prior to taking a position at the Virginia Department of Education. She is an NTTI Master Teacher and has earned her NETS\*T certification. Linda is also an Intel Master Trainer for Thinking with Technology and a Senior Trainer for Intel Essentials and Intel Leadership. She has also reached Field Trainer 3 status for the Thinkfinity program and is working towards establishing her credentials as a state certified trainer.

**Obe Hostetter**

**Rockingham County Public Schools**

Obe Hostetter is NETS\*T certified, Smart-board Exemplary Educator, was JFHMS Teacher of the Year and won the Governor's Innovative Technology grant for outstanding integration of technology in the classroom. He has presented at JMU, EMU, VEMA, VSTE, and VDOE Conferences. He is known for his ability to assist teachers in bringing SOL lessons alive especially through the use of games. In May 2007, he graduated with a Masters from Virginia Tech in Instructional Technology. Currently, he is an Instructional Technology Resource teacher for Rockingham County and collaborates with SMARTBoard users around the world on the SMART Exchange and the SMARTBoard Revolution Ning.

**Barbara Huneycutt**

**Albemarle County Public Schools**

Barbara Huneycutt, a teacher of 18 years, is currently a K-5 technology specialist at Crozet Elementary School in Albemarle County, Virginia. She draws on her nine years as a classroom teacher to help teachers effectively integrate technology into their curriculum. Barbara's awards include the 1996 Virginia

Teacher of the Year. She received a B.S. in Journalism with a minor in Photography from the University of North Alabama and an M.T. in Elementary Education from the University of Virginia. Barbara is NETS\*T certified, has been an NTTI Master Teacher since 1995, and has presented numerous workshops and at conferences on the local, state, and national level. She uses her love of photography and experiences traveling abroad in her teaching whenever possible. Barbara enjoys spending time with her husband, Jim, who is also a teacher, and her 21 and 9-year-old sons.

**Stacie Jackson**

**WVPT**

Stacie Jackson has been in the Education Services Department at WVPT for the past three years, first as the Kids' Book Festival Coordinator and currently as one of the Education Services Specialist. Prior to coming to WVPT, she was an early childhood teacher in the Virginia Beach Public Schools. Upon completing her master's degree at the University of Virginia, she was an elementary school administrator in Greene County, Virginia, and Frederick County, Maryland for 10 years. She and her husband Cary have 3 children ages 9, 6, and 3. In her spare time, she enjoys time with her family, reading, and gardening.

**Shannon Jakeman**

**Waynesboro City Schools**

Shannon Jakeman is an educator of five years with Waynesboro City Schools. She received her Bachelors of Social Work from James Madison University and Master of Arts in Teaching from Mary Baldwin College. Shannon is currently an Instructional Technology Coach in the elementary schools. She has completed her NETS\*T certification and is a Master Teacher with NTTI. She is also known as the "Jewelry Lady" and sells Premier Designs Jewelry on the side! Shannon lives in Staunton with her husband and they enjoy traveling together.

**Deborah Johnson**

**Greene County Public Schools**

Deborah Johnson is a reading intervention coordinator at Greene County Primary School in Stanardsville. This is her fifth year of teaching after graduating from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. Miss Johnson has taught in the special education classroom and as a first grade general education teacher. She received her Master's in Reading Education from the University of Virginia in May 2008.

**Peggi Knight**

**Orange County Public Schools**

Peggi Knight is an ITRT for Orange County Schools. She and her husband Mark have been married for 29 1/2 years and have 4 children and 2 grandchildren—with another due in a few weeks. In her spare time she enjoys playing volleyball, walking with Susan Tolivar (One of this year's Master Teachers) in the mornings, reading, knitting, and being a singing worship leader for her church Spring Hill Baptist. Peggi credits her beginning and continued journey into the exciting field of Instructional Technology to the extraordinary people at NTTI/SVTC and WVPT. She has seen the differences it makes in the lives of teachers and students.

**Kay Lera**

**Waynesboro City Public Schools**

In Virginia, Kay Lera has served as an educator on many different levels—a library media specialist and an instructional technology specialist (Waynesboro Public Schools), a Curriculum and Technology Integration Partner for teachers and a classroom teacher for 12 years in Albemarle County. She thrives on her studies as she continues to research effective pedagogy and educational tools. Her certifications include Post-Graduate Professional license to teach PK-6, M.Ed in Educational Technology, NETS\*T endorsement, NTTI Master teacher. She enjoys serving on the Board of Directors for the Virginia Society for Technology in Education and does her best to promote the use of best practices while inte-

grating effective pedagogy and using technological tools in education.

**Maria J. Lewis**

**Charlottesville City Public Schools**

Maria J. Lewis is the Technology Integration Coordinator for the Charlottesville City Schools and leads a dedicated team of Technology Integration Resource Teachers. Maria received a Bachelor's degree double majoring in English and Psychology from the University of Virginia and a Master's of Arts in Teaching from Mary Baldwin College. She strongly believes technology engages, enhances, and motivates students to learn and when integrated effectively in the classroom technology has a profound impact on student achievement. Outside of her profession, Maria enjoys church activities, playing board games, reading, and watching sports events.

**Kelly Lineweaver**

**SVTC**

Kelly Lineweaver is the Project Manager for the Shenandoah Valley Technology Consortium's EdTech grant. She graduated from The College of William and Mary where she majored in English and Education and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. She taught 9th and 11th grade English at Turner Ashby High School in Rockingham County before coming to work for the SVTC.

**Susan Mahood**

**Rockbridge County Public Schools**

Susan is an Instructional Technology Resource Teacher for Rockbridge County Schools. Before becoming an ITRT she taught elementary school for 18 years. Her experience includes teaching kindergarten, first, second and third grade. She holds a BS in Ed from Concord College and a MAED in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis on Instructional Technology from Virginia Tech. Susan became a NTTI Master Teacher in 2002, an Intel Master Teacher in 2003 and an Intel Master Leader in 2008. She completed her NETS\*T certification in October of 2007. She has been presenting technology integration sessions

since 2002 and has presented at numerous NTTIs, the ASCD, VA DOE Ed Tech Leadership and VSTE conferences. When not at work, she enjoys spending time with her husband Todd, and their four children. Her hobbies include reading, cooking and playing with her latest techno gadget.

**Ellen M. Martin**

**Winchester City Public Schools**

Mrs. Ellen M. Martin, a teacher of 24 years, is currently a 2nd grade teacher at Garland R. Quarles Elementary School. After having taught two years at a private school, she earned her M.Ed. from the UVA in Educational Psychology with an emphasis in Gifted and Talented. For the next 22 years she taught kindergarten through 3rd grades in public education and has attended continuing education classes especially in the areas of reading, G&T, and technology. Besides spending time with her husband and coach, Pepper, and her two sons, Pepper and Bryn, Ellen is an avid reader, enjoys aspects of decorating, and once upon a time showed creativity through knitting, painting, and crafting. Those pastimes have gone by the wayside to add to her ever-growing Portaportal and to create enhancements of lessons and units using technology.

**Karen K. Miller**

**Augusta County Public Schools**

Karen K. Miller is an ITRT for Augusta County Schools. She was the first Augusta County teacher to become NETS\*T certified and is also an NTTI Master Teacher since 1999. As an ITRT she facilitates in-services for the faculty and staff for three elementary schools. And as a master teacher, she loves to find ways to integrate technology into her lessons for students and teachers. Her newest love is using the Flip Video Camera and making iMovies. Karen was born in Harrisburg, PA. She lived in several different states during her childhood and moved to the Valley twenty some years ago. She lives in Waynesboro with her husband and child. She graduated from Radford University in 1989 and received a BS in Interior Design and then attended Mary

Baldwin College to receive her teacher certification. She finished her Master's Degree in Educational Technology at JMU in 2004.

**John Neumann**

**WVPT**

John Neumann joined the WVPT staff as an Education Specialist in the fall of 2001. He comes to education from a career in the military where he did several tours of duty in the Naval Education and Training Command and earned the designation as a Training and Education Sub-specialist. On moving to the Valley he spent a year as a substitute teacher before accepting a position as a technology teacher at Montevideo Middle School in Rockingham County. In 2008 he became the Director of Education Services. John is an NTTI and Intel Master Teacher and a Thinkfinity Field Trainer.

**Jill Newman**

**Orange County Public Schools**

Jill Newman is a first grade teacher at Unionville Elementary School in Orange County. Jill is a career changer and is in her 6th year of teaching. She is the mother of two children, one a graduate of the University of Mary Washington and the other a junior at Virginia Tech. She is a long-time resident of Orange County and a graduate of Orange County High School, Germanna Community College and JMU. She is the assistant coach of the Orange County High School Girls Gymnastics team.

**Barbara Palmer**

**Rockingham County Public Schools**

Barbara Palmer is a graduate of Shepherd College with a degree in education. She has been a teacher in Rockingham County for 20 years. She is currently a sixth grade science teacher at Montevideo Middle School. Barbara is also the Spotswood High School Swim Coach. She spends her summers managing East Rockingham Pool. Barbara is married to Mark who teaches at Spotswood High School. They have two children, Ashley, a student at the University of Virginia and Andrew, a junior at Spotswood High School.

**Loretta Peer**

**Shenandoah County Public Schools**

Loretta Peer teaches 3rd grade at W.W. Robinson Elementary School in Woodstock. This is her seventh year teaching third grade. She is currently working on her master's to become a Mathematics Specialist through the University of Virginia. She has been married for four and half years to a wonderful husband, Randy and has a terrific stepson, Corey, who is in tenth grade this year. She lives in Cedar Creek with her husband, stepson, and her two cats, Princess and Coco. She enjoys the beach, spending time with her family, swimming in her pool, and playing softball.

**Lynne Pike**

**Rockingham County Public Schools**

Lynne Pike is an Instructional Technology Resource Teacher with Rockingham County Public Schools. Lynne earned a B.S. degree in Elementary Education and a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from the University of South Florida. She is certified in Elementary Education in both Virginia and Florida and certified in Educational Leadership and Middle School Science in Florida. Lynne is NETS\*T certified and a NTTI Master Teacher. She lives in Harrisonburg with her husband, who is both a CPA and an RN, and her twin teenage daughters adopted at age 7 from Tver, Russia in 1996.

**Beth Sellers**

**Harrisonburg City Public Schools**

Beth Sellers is a regional teacher for students with multiple disabilities at Stone Spring Elementary School in Harrisonburg. She graduated from JMU in 2001 with a degree in psychology and special education. She completed her Masters of Arts in Education at EMU in December, 2008 with a focus in literacy. Beth works hard to integrate technology into her daily lessons and advocates for the use of technology in all classes, especially for students with disabilities or unique learning needs. Beth first attended NTTI in 2004 and became a master teacher in 2006. She has presented at NTTI each year since that time.

**Toni Sheets**

**Augusta County Public Schools**

Toni Sheets is an Assistive Technology Specialist for Augusta County Public Schools. In this capacity she is responsible conducting staff development workshops for special education teachers and pairing students with equipment. Prior to moving to a Central Office position she spent five years as an elementary level teacher. Toni has completed her Masters concentrating on Educational Technology. After receiving her NETS\*T certification, she began as the Shenandoah Valley Technology Consortiums VCOP Manager – NETS\*T Buddy and Evaluator Buddy in conjunction with the JMU/Microsoft Partnership in Learning Grant. She enjoys tennis, hiking and camping with her cabinet/furniture making husband, David and 7-year-old son, Gabe and 4-year-old Grayson.

**Joe Showker**

**Rockingham County Public Schools**

Joe Showker is a master presenter who has taught for 29 years in Rockingham County. He has spoken throughout Virginia and on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. on the topic of Internet safety. His computer classroom was the site of the Missing Game software rollout for the Southeastern United States. His collaborations include the Virginia Attorney Generals Task Force for Internet Child Safety, The Shenandoah Valley Technology Consortium, The Institute for Infrastructure and Information Assurance at JMU, and BRPTV of Roanoke, Virginia. He is NETS\*T Certified, MacWorld New York faculty, a consultant for the User-Group Network and NTTI Teacher of the Year. He serves on the National Advisory Board for WebWiseKids.org.

**Dan Stanley**

**Warren County Public Schools**

Dan Stanley teaches English to 10-12th grade students at Warren County High School in Front Royal. He obtained his NETS\*T certification in the spring of 1993 and became a Master Teacher for NTTI in 2006.

**Kathryn Staton**  
**WVPT**

Kathryn Staton is currently a member of the Education Services Department at WVPT. She taught Special Education for 11 years. She has a Masters in Education of the Deaf from Smith College and a degree in Elementary Education from FPU. Kathryn became an NTTI Master Teacher, earned her NETS\*T and Palms in the Classroom Certification in 2006. She joined the Discovery Educator Network in 2004 and is currently on the state's leadership council. Kathryn is also a facilitator for PBS Teacherline. She lives with her husband, Ted, and daughter Becky. In her free time she enjoys photography, traveling to see her son (who's in the Navy) and spending time with her family.

**Virginia Stultz**  
**Shenandoah County Public Schools**

Virginia Stultz is computer teacher in Shenandoah County at W.W. Robinson Elementary School in Woodstock. She has been teaching for forty+ years in second grade, fourth grade, and computer lab. Virginia received her Bachelor of Science Degree at James Madison University. Each year she attends VSTE's Education Conference to get ideas for using technology in education. She is a member of NEA, VEA, and SCEA. She enjoys family with her husband, Steve, two married daughters, two grandchildren, and teaches basket weaving to students of all ages.

**Susan A. Tolivar**  
**Orange County Public Schools**

Susan Tolivar has been an educator for over 12 years, and is an ITRT with Orange Count Public Schools. She was born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana, and moved to Virginia three years ago. She has taught practically every grade level from two-year-olds to eighth grade, and worked as a teaching assistant before reentering college and receiving her degree. Prior to moving to Virginia, Susan was active in the New Orleans area theater community, both on stage and off. She directed a youth theater group for nine years as well as her school drama club. Last year, she

became involved with Four County Players in Barboursville, and is currently teaching a children's theater class with the newly-formed Four County Kids. This summer, she will direct a musical production at the theater in Barboursville.

**Rosemary Wagoner**  
**Waynesboro City Public Schools**

Rosemary is currently serving as an Instructional Technology Coach at Kate Collins Middle and William Perry Elementary School. She has taught grades K-4 prior to serving in the capacity of ITRT. She loves working with teachers on ways to integrate technology into the curriculum. For five years she taught classes for the Waynesboro teachers on Mastering the Technology Standards for Instructional Personnel as an adjunct with BRCC. She has served on the district Evaluation Committee and Budget Review Team for the Waynesboro School Board. She is active in the Waynesboro Education Association and enjoys working toward what is best for Waynesboro's children. Currently, Rosemary is the President of District 6 of the Virginia Education Association. While teaching Rosemary served on various school committees including the Technology Committee. She was awarded Outstanding Young Citizen in 1992, by the Waynesboro Jaycees. Rosemary received her Bachelor's degree from Bridgewater College and her Master's degree from George Washington University in Educational Technology Leadership in 2002.

**Tara Walters**  
**Waynesboro City Public Schools**

Tara Walters is originally from Kingston, Pennsylvania. She received her Bachelor's in Elementary Education from King's College and her Master's in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Scranton. Tara moved to Richmond, Virginia in 2004 and taught third grade for two years. She has been teaching for Waynesboro Public Schools for the past three years.

**Daniel R. Wheeler**

**Rockbridge County Public Schools**

Danny is a biology teacher at Rockbridge County High School in Lexington, Virginia. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Idaho State University. He is currently enrolled in the Masters of Administration Program at Shenandoah University.

**Paula White**

**Albemarle County Public Schools**

Paula White is a 30+ year veteran teacher who describes herself on her Twitter account (@paulawhite) as a “grandma, teacher, Apple Distinguished Educator (ADE), STAR Discovery Educator, camper, Gifted Resource Teacher, NETS\*T certified, and Professional Development Leader,” but most of all she thinks of herself as a learner and thinker. Her goal is to help others around her, both students and adults, become learners and thinkers, open to new possibilities and potentials in schools and for life. Technology integration and ubiquity is in our lives and needs to be in teaching and learning episodes, too. She is @paulawhite on Twitter.

**Bob Wright**

**Retired Staunton City Public Schools**

Bob is a graduate of JMU and the UVA. He has been a teacher for 33 years, teaching special education for the mentally retarded, learning disabled, and preschool handicapped as well as grades 1-7. He was also an adjunct professor of education at Mary Baldwin College, and Technology Teacher for grades 6-8. Bob is currently retired from teaching. He has been a Master Teacher for The National Teacher Training Institute since 1994 and is the author of several published lessons. He was also the host of WVPT's Pop Quiz for four years. He has worked with the Council for Economic Education, and the Virginia Program for Law Related Education. Bob has made presentations to the American Bar Association in Orlando, Florida and the National Council for Teachers of Social Studies in Phoenix, Arizona, and the Virginia Society for Technology Education. He has also offered varying workshops for local school systems. Active in local

theater productions, Bob has appeared on stage for Blue Ridge Theater Festival, Waynesboro Players, ShenanArts, and Mary Baldwin College Theater. Bob is married to Cookie Wright. They have two children. Along with Barbara Spilman Lawson, Bob is co-founder of Bob & Barb Productions, providing motivational/entertaining speeches for schools, public, and private organizations.

**Cookie Wright**

**Waynesboro City Public Schools**

Cookie Wright is a retired teacher; having taught 32 years with Waynesboro Public Schools, 31 of those at Wenonah Elementary in 4th and 5th grades. She has been a Master Teacher since 1995 and has participated in all but two NTTIs. She has been nominated for Who's Who in American Teachers and has served on many curriculum and textbook adoption committees. She has also taught summer school, attended many workshops, and is now actively involved in Waynesboro's Supplemental Retirement Program. She has written a curriculum and teaches the classes for paraprofessionals who need to become highly qualified under the NCLB Act. She was recently selected to be part of the Academic Review Team for the State Department of Education. In addition, she spends a lot of time editing NTTI lessons. Outside of school, she's been involved in local theater and choral singing. She is listed, as is her husband Bob, in the credits of the movie Evan Almighty, having had the privilege of working as a teacher/welfare worker with the stand-ins and child extras. She is married to Bob, of Bob & Barb Productions, who is also retired, and they are the proud parents of a son, daughter-in-law, and daughter. In their spare time, they are Disney freaks.