

# Announcing the 2007 Recipients of The Sarah W. Woolrich Fund for Faculty

*These teachers and academic staff members were selected as the third annual recipients of the Woolrich Fund. They bring fresh perspectives to their classrooms and the entire St. Francis community.*



**Cindy Blades**  
**Second Grade Teacher**

Ms. Blades will attend the Neuhaus Education Center's Dyslexia Specialist Preparation Program (DSPP). The nationally renowned program provides in-depth preparation for teachers and therapists working with individuals with dyslexia and other related disorders. *At least one in five individuals*

*experience difficulty in learning to read.* This training will specifically support our Wings Program, but *all* young learners will benefit from the structured approach to teaching reading, writing, and spelling.



**Terry McQueen**  
**Fifth Grade American History Teacher**

Mrs. McQueen will spend a week at the Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute to learn about the early years of our nation's history. Some of the goals of the institute are to explore how the character of Americans was shaped and defined,

and to explore the challenges faced by our founding fathers. Teachers who have previously attended the institute say it forever changed the way they teach American history. Look for a fifth grade Colonial Day in 2007-2008!



**The Tech Team—John Grube, Kelly Phillips, Carlos Gonzalez and Patty Bartell**

Our tech team is going to Macworld! The Macworld Conference & Expo in San Francisco offers four revitalizing day's worth of the largest gathering of Mac industry experts, pundits, and enthusiasts. The team will focus on ideas to support our Podcasting Studio and iLife (software for movies, photos, music, and blogs). After losing themselves in a swirl of digital discovery, they will bring back in-depth knowledge about the best technology tools in the industry.



**Desiree McConnell '89**  
**Third Grade Teacher**

Ms. McConnell has a personal goal of becoming fluent in Spanish which she has been pursuing independently though night classes. To help her accomplish this, she will attend a two-week super intensive Spanish class in Guanajuato, Mexico this summer. The program is a mix of immersion with a host family, formal classes, and cultural excursions.

When she returns, she plans to speak as much Spanish in class as possible and will encourage students as they engage in both writing and speaking assignments.



**Lynn Norvell**  
**Eighth Grade Science Teacher**

A strong foundation in chemistry takes root through hands-on experiments and outstanding demonstrations. Mrs. Norvell will attend the Flinn Scientific Foundation Summer Chemistry Workshops for Chemistry Teachers to learn new teaching innovations. This is an excellent

opportunity to incorporate the newest ideas and proven methods to help our students understand the true basis of chemistry.



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