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TAKE NOTE!

⇒ **IT IS CRITICAL** for NBCTs to keep their personal information current. [Update Illinois NBCT's Information](#)

⇒ **Power Point** for Illinois National Board Certification Awareness Building.

⇒ **Supporting Candidates**
Podcasts, scripts and handouts from the Assessment Center are available to support candidates.

*[NBRC Podcasts for Candidates](#)

*[Assessment Center Preparation](#)

*[Assessment Center Cohorts](#)

⇒ **NBPTS offers** a variety of support for [Recruitment](#) including an [Outreach Toolkit](#).

⇒ **NBPTS Stipend** and Certification information is available at [ISBE](#). Please contact ISBE for this information.

⇒ **National Board Certification for Principals**

⇒ **Graduate Credit** for those participating in [Take One!](#) or National Board Certification.

⇒ **Measuring What Matters:**
The Effects of National Board Certification on Advancing 21st Century Teaching and Learning.

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Share Stories about NBCTs!
Know an NBCT making a difference? Email us at nbrc@illinoisstate.edu and your story may be included in a future newsletter. Be sure to include your contact information along with your submission.

CANDIDATE FEE SUBSIDY APPLICATION REMAINS OPEN UNTIL MAY 15

To date, **625** applications have been processed for the Illinois NBPTS Candidate Fee Subsidy that is currently available to 800 first-time Illinois candidates. The [approved list](#) of these candidates is continually increasing. For instructions and the fee subsidy application, go to the [NBRC website](#). You continue to be the most powerful [recruiters](#) for National Board Certification. Share the impact of your experience with your school community.

NBPTS President Joseph Aquerrebere to Step Down

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards announced that President and CEO Joseph Aquerrebere will leave his position effective June 30, 2011. This announcement brings to close Aquerrebere's successful career with the National Board, during which the organization evolved into the nation's recognized leader in defining educator effectiveness. [Read More](#)

ILLINOIS TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECEIVES AN-

OTHER HONOR – NBCT, Annice Brave, the 2010 Illinois Teacher of the Year and English and journalism educator at Alton High School, was recently selected to receive the *National Education Association Award for Teaching Excellence*. She was recognized for her accomplishments in front of 1,300 association delegates and guests at the Illinois Education Association's annual Representative Assembly in Rosemont, IL. Brave is one of four finalists in the national Teacher of the Year competition held by the Council of Chief State School Officers.

NBCTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN BEARDSTOWN – NBCT, Dr. Lynn Gaddis

collaborated with principal Cheryl Summers to initiate the [Take One! program](#) at Gard Elementary School in Beardstown, IL. Dr. Gaddis facilitated as teachers used the [Take One!](#) materials to guide their decisions in adapting teaching methods to fit individual students, planning and reflecting on classroom instructional practices within the context of national teaching standards, and forming a professional learning community. The standards, questions, rubrics, instructions, and note-taking guide helped teachers to show evidence of the [Architecture of Accomplished Teaching](#). NBCTs Aimee Veith and Sherry Humphries supported the teachers by meeting them individually and in small groups as they completed the [Take One!](#) portfolios. NBCTs Shelly Reichert, Jenifer McGowan, Tracey Boyer, Sherry Zaerr, and Carole Allert provided additional support to participants by reading their portfolios and offering feedback. "I see the cohort continuously questioning what they do as they focus on all students' involvement in learning," Summers said. This authentic, ongoing professional development experience has enabled Beardstown teachers to use the NBPTS [Take One!](#) process to link subject matter knowledge and effective teaching practices to student learning and achievement.



Regional Coordinators—The seven statewide RCs

met at NBRC on April 15-17 to review the support provided to NBCTs and NBPTS candidates in Illinois. The RCs are strategic in creating a framework of support which includes sessions for [Jumpstart](#), Advanced Candidates, [Assessment Center Preparation](#), [Take One!](#), and [Certification Renewal](#). RCs communicate with sixty-three Candidate Cohort Facilitators (CCFs) throughout the state to plan cohorts for the Illinois candidates. RCs are efficient in creating face-to-face cohort groups that are central to large groups of candidates and virtual support to outlying candidates. Cohort sessions for the 2011 candidates will be posted on the NBRC website in the fall.

CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS NBPTS provider, Debbie Glowacki will facilitate a five week mentoring class at Talcott Academy beginning on April 28th. Topics include; Principals of Adult Learning, Coaching Techniques, and Working With Candidates. Interested Chicago NBCTs should register using CPS University. Call 773.535.0740 for more information.



Dr. Lynn Gaddis, principal Cheryl Summers and teachers from Gard Elementary School in Beardstown, IL.