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- ⇒ **PowerPoint** for Illinois National Board Certification Awareness Building
- ⇒ **Outreach Toolkit** - NBPTS offers support for [recruitment](#) including an [Outreach Toolkit](#)
- ⇒ **NBCT Mentors** help candidates pack. [Video on Assembling Packing & Shipping](#)
- ⇒ **ASSESSMENT CENTER WORKSHOP** for [PHYSICAL EDUCATION](#) National Board Candidates.

CANDIDATE FEE SUBSIDY APPLICATION

Applications for the Illinois NBPTS Candidate Fee Subsidy, available to 500 first-time Illinois candidates, are coming in steadily. Thanks to the recruitment efforts of NBCTs, R.O.E.s, principals and superintendents in Illinois, the **approved list** of these candidates is continually increasing. The fee subsidy application and instructions can be found on the **[NBRC website](#)**.

SUPPORTING CANDIDATES

[NBRC Podcasts for Candidates](#)

[Assessment Center Preparation](#)

Podcasts, scripts and handouts are available to support candidates ethically prepare for the Assessment Center.

[Assessment Center Cohorts](#)

Cohorts are located throughout the state to help prepare candidates for the Assessment Center.

36 new NBCTs honored at CTU Quest Center Pinning Ceremony

CHICAGO –During an emotion-packed “pinning” ceremony filled with testimonies, tributes and motivational speeches, more than 300 people crammed the Chicago Teachers’ Union (CTU) headquarters to celebrate 36 educators, graduates of the CTU’s Nurturing Teacher Leadership program, who were honored as new National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs), the “gold standard” for educators.

CTU, which produces about 40 percent

of Illinois’ professional certifications, runs the rigorous yearlong professional development process through its Nurturing Teacher Leadership (NTL) program supporting teachers and school counselors through advanced certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The program’s mission is to increase student learning by improving the quality of teaching in the Chicago Public Schools; to nurture teachers as leaders from within their classrooms, so that they do not need to leave teaching to be a leader and affect systemic change; to advance school reform initiatives; and to prepare teachers for, and support them through, the process of National Board Certification. [Read More](#)

To view more photos, go to:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/chicagoteachersunion/sets/72157628872269279>



NBPTS President Dr. Ronald Thorpe, congratulates the new NBCTs at the CTU Quest Center Pinning Ceremony.

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Share stories about NBCTs! Know an NBCT that’s making a difference? Email us at nbrc@IllinoisState.edu and your story may be included in a future newsletter. Be sure to give your contact information along with your submission.

Local Teacher Awarded Teacher Leadership Scholarship



In January 2012, Tatiana Austin, third grade teacher at Wilcox Elementary School in Springfield Public School District 186 was awarded a Teacher Leadership Scholarship. Each year, Illinois Women in Educational Leadership (IWEL) offers two of the \$565 scholarships to support IWEL members pursuing National Board certification. IWEL was founded in 1978 as Illinois Women Administrators (IWA). IWEL serves practicing and aspiring superintendents, central office administrators, principals, teacher leaders, and higher education administrators and faculty. IWEL's mission is to improve Illinois schools

by networking and supporting women educational leaders into positions of influence.

Austin holds a bachelor's degree from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA and a master's degree in Science and Mathematics Curriculum from Illinois State University. In addition to teaching, she directs an after school drama club and has served as a math leader, science facilitator, technology facilitator, union representative, and professional developer.

A member of her school's Instructional Leadership Team and School Improvement Committee, Austin also serves on a statewide committee charged with reviewing the Next

Generation Science Standards (NGSS) in collaboration with 26 other states. "I stand at the precipice of a career in educational leadership that could take off in many directions," Austin explains. "I have chosen to continue my path and become a National Board Certified teacher because I believe it will continue my growth as a leader on a school, district, and state level."

Austin will be recognized at IWEL's 2012 Dare to be Great conference, which will be held at Ewing Cultural Center in Bloomington, IL April 27-28. For more information about IWEL's annual Teacher Leadership Scholarship, please visit www.iwel.org.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's Measures of Effective Teaching (MET) Project

Teacher evaluation data from Hillsborough County, Florida, one of the selected sites for The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Measures of Effective Teaching (MET) project, show that *National Board Certified Teachers* rank nearly one full standard deviation (0.9) higher than non-NBCTs when trained evaluators combine scores from written evaluations and value added measures. NBCTs make up only 5% of all Hillsborough teachers, and yet half of Hillsborough's NBCTs scored in the top 20% of the evaluations.

The MET project uses a combination of written evaluation based on the Charlotte Danielson framework and a value-added measure (VAM) based on student test scores from subject-specific district exams. The written evaluation is a combined score from two classroom observations, an administrator and a peer reviewer.

View the survey at <http://www.tampabay.com/specials/2010/reports/education-poll/>

TAKE ONE!

TakeOne! is a unique offering from National Board for Professional Teaching Standards that provides a standards-based approach for improving teaching practices and links student learning to effective instruction. Teachers prepare and submit one video portfolio from any of the current certificate areas of National Board Certification, plan and achieve specific learning outcomes, and adapt their teaching practices to the needs of individual students. *Take One!* is available to all teachers as well as induction or pre-service teachers, principals, administrators, professors in colleges of education and those who provide support for National Board Certification candidates. [Using Take One! for School Success](#)