



## **netTrekker Personalized Learning in Action Video Contest Winners Announced**

***Two educators each earn \$1,500 scholarship to attend ISTE 2010 conference for professional development and networking opportunities***

CINCINNATI – May 4, 2010 – [netTrekker](#) today announced the winners of its “Personalized Learning in Action” video contest. The contest encouraged educators, with the help of their students, to create video clips illustrating how they use netTrekker (along with other resources) to engage students in a personalized learning experience. The two winning educators each will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to attend the [ISTE 2010](#) conference, presented by the International Society of Technology in Education (ISTE), in Denver in June. Five runners-up will be awarded a BrainPOP classroom subscription.

The top winners are Andy Losik, an infotech teacher for Hamilton Community Schools in Hamilton, Mich., and Jacquelyn Shanti, a library media specialist at Clara Barton Elementary, Milwaukee Public Schools, in Milwaukee. They were honored for their creativity in showing how they use netTrekker to create engaging lessons that meet the unique needs of students with a variety of learning styles. netTrekker is the leading safe K-12 educational search tool. It enables educators to easily and safely connect to thousands of high-quality, standards-aligned digital resources and tools to support personalized learning. netTrekker resources cover the entire school curriculum, and are hand-selected by expert educators to keep every search safe, focused and relevant.

Andy Losik has taught elementary infotech classes at Bentheim and Blue Star Elementary Schools in Hamilton, Mich., for the past 10 years. He has been teaching in Michigan for more than 15 years and is an avid user of technology in the classroom to connect with students. In 2009, the Michigan Association for Computers in Learning recognized Losik as the Outstanding Technology-Using Classroom Teacher of the year. “I have always wanted to attend ISTE and learn more about netTrekker. This was a perfect opportunity to do both,” said Losik when he submitted his contest entry. In his winning video, Losik showed how Hamilton students are using netTrekker to customize their own learning using tools like netTrekker’s readability ratings and refinement menus that let them find a variety of multimedia resources. As an infotech teacher, Losik focuses on teaching young students the combination of library, media and technology skills they’ll need to become lifelong learners. netTrekker is a critical resource that puts his students on the right path to finding the information they need.

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Jacquelyn Shanti has been an educator for more than 20 years. Since graduating from Loyola University of Chicago, her teaching career has taken her from Chicago to Kuwait and home to Milwaukee where she has been teaching for Milwaukee Public Schools since 1987. Shanti works as the library media specialist and instructional technology leader at Clara Barton Elementary School. Shanti also has conducted professional development, including netTrekker training, for other educators in her district for the past five years. Shanti's video entry focused on how she used netTrekker's My Portfolio tool to create folders with differentiated resources for her fourth grade students to use for their Wisconsin state project. Shanti is looking forward to attending the ISTE conference in June to continue her own professional development. "Attending ISTE makes me a better teacher and a better professional development facilitator," Shanti explained.

The winning video entries are featured on the netTrekker website at <http://www.nettrekker.com/pages/video-contest/entries> and have also been featured on netTrekker's YouTube channel, and its online educational community, [www.nettrekkervillage.com](http://www.nettrekkervillage.com), where other educators can view and learn from these best practices and examples. Losik and Shanti will also be presenting short workshops in the netTrekker booth #884 at the ISTE 2010 conference.

For more than three decades, ISTE's annual conference has featured hands-on workshops, lecture-format and interactive concurrent sessions, discussions with key industry leaders, and the largest educational technology exhibit in the nation. Attendees can get up close and personal with the best technology available today, and learn the strategies and tools other education and technology leaders are using to achieve their goals of enhancing student learning through technology.

#### **About netTrekker**

netTrekker is a leader in the delivery of digital K-12 educational content. The company is dedicated to enhancing the education of today's youth with highly effective technologies that deliver the rich educational value of the Internet to every child in a safe, relevant, easy-to-use format. netTrekker is the leading educational search tool and was first to market with a standards-based solution utilizing the services of Academic Benchmarks, the premier provider of comprehensive standards-based K-12 educational databases, alignment tools, and integration products. Peers, educators, and parents have honored netTrekker more than 25 times for its contribution to education. Founded in 1999 by Robert Reinders, the company serves millions of students and thousands of schools around the world. For more information, visit [www.nettrekker.com](http://www.nettrekker.com), or phone 877-517-1125.

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