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South Dakota educators among those honored in Washington, D.C., today

PIERRE, S.D. – Four South Dakota educators are among those being honored today in Washington, D.C., as recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

The PAEMST is awarded to outstanding K-12 science and math teachers from across the country. Winners are selected by a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians and educators, following an initial selection process at the state level. Each nomination year of the award alternates between teachers of kindergarten through 6th grade and those teaching 7th through 12th grades. The cohort of awardees honored today represents two nomination years.

The following individuals from South Dakota have received the award:

- Roby Johnson, K-8 principal, Warner School District
 - *When Johnson was nominated for the award, he taught science at Holgate Middle School in Aberdeen.*
- Crystal McMachen, math, Southwest Middle School, Rapid City
 - *When McMachen was nominated for the award, she taught math at East Middle School in Rapid City.*
- Jennifer Fowler, science, South Middle School, Rapid City
- Bjorg Remmers-Seymour, student, Black Hills State University
 - *When Remmers-Seymour was nominated for the award, she taught math at East Middle School in Rapid City.*

Find more information, including awardee biographies and pictures, at <http://paemst.org>.