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### **National Group to Recognize Orange County's Most Innovative Educators and Students *Awards process showcases innovative approaches to preparing students for 21st century global marketplace***

**Irvine, CA, Feb. 11, 2008** – Project Tomorrow, the nation's leading nonprofit group focused on science, math and technology education, in partnership with AeA Orange County Council is calling for nominations from the Orange County community to recognize outstanding education leaders and students for their innovative uses of science, math and technology. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Innovation in Education Awards process is open to all public and private schools in Orange County and nomination forms are available on [Project Tomorrow's website](http://www.projecttomorrow.org). The 2008 Innovation in Education Awards are sponsored by Emulex and the award recipients will be announced at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual AeA High-Tech Innovation Awards on Tuesday, April 29th at the Hyatt Irvine.

Project Tomorrow is seeking nominations in three categories this year:

- **Innovative School Program in Science, Math, & Technology** – honoring the strong leadership of a school principal in driving innovation in education
- **High-Impact Teacher in Science, Math & Technology** – acknowledging the influence of a great teacher in preparing his/her students to compete and thrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- **Emerging Student Innovator** – recognizing students who are creatively using science, math and technology resources to solve a school or community problem

“With all of the national discussion on global competitiveness and improving education, this awards process provides a unique opportunity to celebrate and showcase the principals, teachers and students in Orange County,” said Julie Evans, chief executive officer, Project Tomorrow. “Not only are our educators and students talking about innovation in the classroom, they are creating innovations every day.”

Nominations for the 2008 Project Tomorrow Innovation in Education awards may be self-nominated or nominated by a district and/or school staff person. Organizations such as a Parent Teacher Association (PTA), parent advisory committee or any youth-based organizations are also eligible to nominate. An independent review panel of national and local education and business leaders will select this year's award recipients.

**Applications are due by the end of the business day, Mon., March 4, 2008.** All nominations must be submitted via e-mail to [innovation@tomorrow.org](mailto:innovation@tomorrow.org) or by fax (949-609-4665). Finalists will be notified by March 24, 2008. Award recipients will be announced on April 29, 2008.

### **About Project Tomorrow**

Project Tomorrow ([www.tomorrow.org](http://www.tomorrow.org)), a national education nonprofit organization based in Irvine, Calif., supports the innovative uses of research-based science, math and technology resources to develop critical thinking, problem solving and creativity in K-12 students. Project Tomorrow addresses the challenges of developing schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> century through national research projects, community and school-based programs, online tools and resources, and advocacy efforts to insure that all students are prepared to be tomorrow's leaders, innovators and engaged citizens of the world.

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