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## **Twin Rivers Teacher Selected to Attend 2013 Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy**

Lisa Liss, a fifth grade teacher at Woodlake Elementary, has been selected to attend the 2013 Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy at Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, N.J. Liss is one of 200 highly-qualified third-through fifth-grade teachers from around the country selected to attend the intensive one-week, all-expense paid professional development program this summer.

A panel of educators from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) selected Liss to attend the Academy. The panel based their decision on her qualifications, dedication to inspiring students at an early age, and her overall commitment to enhancing the teaching profession.

"I am overwhelmed at being chosen to attend the Teachers Academy," said Liss. "Science is a great joy of mine and I am excited to be heading to New Jersey to learn more hands-on techniques that will greatly benefit my students."

During the Academy, which is scheduled July 21-26, teachers discover new ways to excite students using experiments that demonstrate various math and science concepts including force, gravity and probability. The curriculum works to deepen teachers' understanding of these principles by conducting hands-on experiments that they can share with their students in the classroom.

ExxonMobil partnered with Phil and Amy Mickelson, and worked closely with the National Science Teachers Association and Math Solutions to start the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy in 2005. The Academy is designed to engage students in math and science at an early age engage to retain their interest in these subjects through college and into their careers.

"Amy and I are proud to work with our partners, ExxonMobil, the NSTA and Math Solutions to create a hands-on curriculum for teachers looking to deepen their understanding of math and science," said PGA golfer Phil Mickelson. "We encourage all teachers to apply for this incredible opportunity so we can continue to inspire students in math and science."

*Twin Rivers Unified School District serves approximately 27,000 preschool  
through adult education students in northern Sacramento County.*

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