



Media Release

Greg Holman, Paradise Intermediate School, Chico, CA (Paradise Unified School District) recognized for Excellence in Energy

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Manassas, Virginia – The NEED Project is pleased to announce the 2019 recipient of the Bob Thompson Excellence in Energy Award is Greg Holman of Paradise Intermediate School in Chico, California (Paradise Unified School District).

The Bob Thompson Excellence in Energy Award was created by NEED in memory of long-time NEED teacher and staff member Bob Thompson. Bob was a dedicated teacher, friend, and proponent of science and energy education. His time at NEED enriched many, encouraged all, and improved the way we present and teach about energy in our curriculum and training workshops. Bob was a good friend to many here at NEED and he and his spirit live on in our work. Because of this, NEED established the Bob Thompson Excellence in Energy Award that is given each year to a teacher who exemplifies Bob's childlike wonder of science, technology and energy.

The award includes a \$1,000 cash grant to the teacher to use as he/she chooses in the classroom and an all-expenses paid trip to the NEED Energy Conference for Educators hosted in Galveston, Texas, July 7-11, 2019. The award will be given at the 39th Annual NEED Youth Energy Conference and Awards hosted in Washington, D.C. June 24, 2019.

Greg has a true passion for energy science and energy education. As his fellow teacher, Linda Cassady, says, "*Greg Holman is an outstanding science teacher and focused on renewable energy "before it was cool!"*"

Benjamin Richards had Greg in 6th grade and knows firsthand his dedication to his students, "*He knows a lot about various things so I could talk to him about anything. I enjoyed being on his Solar Boat team. He always has time to talk to me even when I wasn't in his class anymore.*"

Colleagues agree Greg is known for his strong science program and involvement in the community. He's also a long time 4H leader, active volunteer fireman, and community volunteer. His deep passion for teaching is infectious and he constantly seeks out new ideas to engage his students and encourage them to be stewards of our resources by utilizing their knowledge to create a sustainable lifestyle. Greg embodies all the great qualities that Bob Thompson is remembered for in the NEED Project family.

Congratulations to this great energy educator and dedicated friend of NEED!

For more information about the NEED Project and the Bob Thompson Excellence in Energy Award, please contact Mary E. Spruill at (703) 257-1117 or mspruill@need.org.

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