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WE'RE GIVING BACK - WINNERS!

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We are pleased to announce the winners of Promethean Planet's We're Giving Back campaign! Congratulations to the following very generous contributors, and a big thank you to all of our members who continue to participate in mentoring others and sharing lessons on the Planet!



Highest Forum Poster

Winner: Gautam Saha, Norcross High School, Atlanta, GA

Gift Recipient: Michelle Wright, Annunciation Day School, Atlanta, GA

With 300 posts to the Planet forum, Gautam Saha, a chemistry teacher at Norcross High School in Atlanta, GA, was named our highest forum poster!

Highest Flipchart Contributor

In the spirit of giving, we have decided to name two winners for the Highest Flipchart Contributor category! Because the numbers were so close, two worthy members will be rewarded for their excellent contributions!



Winner: Shanon Juneau, Milton Elementary, Milton, LA

Gift Recipient: Jennifer Gardner, Milton Elementary, Milton, LA

With 131 flipcharts submitted, Shanon Juneau, first grade teacher at Milton Elementary in Milton, LA was named our highest flipchart submitter!



Second-Highest Flipchart Contributor

Winner: Donna Andrews, Lamar County Primary, Barnesville, GA

Gift Recipient: Don Coffey, Lamar County Middle School, Barnesville, GA

Donna Andrews, a K-2 educator at Lamar County Primary in Barnesville, GA, was named our second-highest flipchart contributor, with 113 lessons contributed!

WE'RE GIVING BACK: HIGHEST FORUM POSTER



Winner: Gautam Saha, Norcross High School, Atlanta, GA

Gift Recipient: Michelle Wright, Annunciation Day School, Atlanta, GA

With 300 posts to the Planet forum, Gautam Saha, a chemistry teacher at Norcross High School in Atlanta, GA, was named our highest forum poster!

The deserving recipient of his gift, an Activboard, is Michelle Wright, director and kindergarten teacher of Annunciation Day School in Atlanta, GA, a school serving Pre-K and Kindergarten students.

“Michelle is the director and a teacher of this wonderful school that opens its doors to children of all races, gender and socio-economic backgrounds,” says Gautam. “Michelle and her staff do an amazing job of caring for these young children.

“I felt that the teachers and wonderful children of this school would absolutely love Promethean Activboard with ActivPrimary in their classroom. I cannot wait to see these young kids having a lot of fun with this new tool!”

“This school hosts the famous annual Greek festival in Atlanta. Having Promethean Activboard in the classroom of this school would absolutely open up a world of exciting possibilities for them.”

Gautam, who has used the Activclassroom for three years, chose to receive a set of Activotes as his reward for his amazing contribution to the forum.

“Choosing to participate in the We’re Giving Back Campaign was not an option for me,” says Gautam. “I am very fortunate to have received so many tools from Promethean and its wonderful employees. It was a natural thing for me to help other teachers, learn from other teachers while constantly trying to innovate and push the boundaries of Promethean hardware and software.



“By giving back to schools and communities, I feel that I am making a difference in lives of students and teachers that I probably may never see in person. I hope that giving back in this way creates a ripple effect in improving the most precious resource of our country, which is education.”

Annunciation Day School students act out the story of the first Christmas.

WE'RE GIVING BACK: HIGHEST FLIPCHART CONTRIBUTOR



Winner: Shanon Juneau, Milton Elementary, Milton, LA

Gift Recipient: Jennifer Gardner, Milton Elementary, Milton, LA

With 131 flipcharts submitted, Shanon Juneau, first grade teacher at Milton Elementary in Milton, LA, was named our highest flipchart submitter! The recipient of her Giving Back gift, an Activboard, is Jennifer Gardner, sixth grade teacher, also at Milton Elementary.

“I feel that Mrs. Gardner is worthy of the Activboard because I know she will use it to its full capabilities,” says Shanon. “She has a mind for technology and she is an awesome teacher.

“Mrs. Gardner has met all the criteria to get an Activboard, but we don’t have the funds to buy her one. So, I am so thankful to Promethean for allowing the opportunity to win a board for a teacher who is so deserving!”

Shanon thought about a creative way to give the good news to Mrs. Gardner - she created a flipchart with the announcement!

For her own reward, Shanon, who has worked with the Activclassroom for about six months, chose a set of Activotes.

“First of all, thank you for all that ya’ll do. It is great that we can go to your site and type in a subject and find flipcharts meeting all criteria,” says Shanon. “Thanks to all the teachers who submit their wonderful ideas.



“When I first read about the Giving Back campaign, I was hesitant because my flipcharts aren’t as creative as the others. But the more I thought about it, I realized that I could probably save someone out there some time if I submitted some of mine. I spend hours making the flipcharts, so why not share like everyone else!

“Thanks for allowing us this opportunity!”

WE'RE GIVING BACK: SECOND-HIGHEST FLIPCHART CONTRIBUTOR



Winner: Donna Andrews, Lamar County Primary, Barnesville, GA

Gift Recipient: Don Coffey, Lamar County Middle School, Barnesville, GA

Donna Andrews, a K-2 educator at Lamar County Primary in Barnesville, GA, was named our second-highest flipchart contributor, with 113 lessons contributed!

For Donna's contribution, she was given the choice to either select a gift for herself, or give a gift to a deserving teacher. As generous with her winnings as she is with her lessons, she opted to give an Activboard to Don Coffey, sixth grade math teacher at Lamar County Middle School in Barnesville, GA. Don also happens to be Donna's Dad!

"I chose my Dad, Don Coffey, as the recipient of a Promethean Activboard," says Donna. "He teaches at Lamar County Middle School and was recently named Teacher of the Year.

"As a child, my parents provided me with a loving home that encompassed guidance, acceptance, leadership, encouragement, and a love of learning. As a middle school teacher, my dad is just as influential for his students. He sets high expectations for his students, volunteers his personal time to tutor students struggling, and maintains a positive learning environment within his class.

"The Activboard will provide him with the tools to create a more dynamic learning environment for math instruction and an overall increase in student learning and achievement. For over five years, my dad has listened to me rave on the countless benefits of an Activclassroom, and now, he will personally experience the noted advantages thanks to Promethean's generosity!"

Donna, who has worked with the Activclassroom for six years, and has contributed flipcharts throughout the year, commented on why she participated in this particular campaign.

"Quality flipcharts aligned to the performance standards are instrumental for a successful interactive Activclassroom," says Donna. "Promethean Planet is a gold mine for teachers to search for flipcharts to integrate into their instruction. As a regular 'searcher' for great lessons, I, also, wanted to contribute to Promethean Planet's resources.

"The We're Giving Back campaign gave me the opportunity to submit my flipcharts to share with others, to research the most up-to-date Seasonal Selections to use within my classroom, and to allow me the option of giving another teacher the gift of an Activboard.

"All teachers in Lamar County do not have Activboards, and the chance to aid in transformation of another educator's instruction with a Promethean Activboard is simply awesome!"