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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### **ALBERT EINSTEIN DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR FELLOWSHIPS ANNOUNCED**

*Redmond, Washington Teacher Selected for Distinguished Fellowship at the National Science Foundation, with the National Science Board.*

**WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPTEMBER 1, 2010** – The Triangle Coalition for Science and Technology Education announces the selection of Mike Town, an Environmental Science teacher at Redmond High School, Redmond, Washington as a 2010-11 Einstein Fellow. The prestigious Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program offers elementary and secondary science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) teachers with a demonstrated excellence in teaching an opportunity to serve in the national education or public policy arenas. One of 32 teachers serving this year, Town was carefully selected from a nationwide pool of applicants.

Mike Town has been teaching at Redmond High School for the past 25 years. He currently teaches AP Environmental Science and Environmental Design and Sustainability, a course with a focus on emerging “green job” skills. RHS is well known for its energy efficiency programs, most of which are run by the students. Geothermal heat, solar panels, behavioral and infrastructure changes at RHS have reduced the greenhouse gas footprint of the school to almost 50% below Kyoto levels.

Mike and his wife Meg, a fellow science teacher, live in a “green” house they designed with many sustainable features. Their home has been featured in numerous magazines and the book *Apollo Fire* written by Congressman Jay Inslee’s (D-WA). Before his teaching career, Mike earned a degree in Environmental Science at Huxley College of the Environment. His research specialized in fire ecology and the ecological interaction between pine beetles and lodgepole pines in the Yellowstone area. He also earned a science education degree from Western Washington University and a Masters of Education from the University of Washington. His numerous awards include National Education Association Foundation Green Prize for the United States, Environmental Educator of the year from the North American Association of Environmental Educators, and the Pemco/KCTS Golden Apple Award.

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### **More About The Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program:**

The Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program was authorized by an act of Congress in 1994. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Energy and is coordinated by Triangle Coalition for Science and Technology Education. Selected teachers spend a school year in the Washington, DC metro area, serving in a Congressional Office or a Federal agency. Fellows provide practical insights and real world perspective to policy makers and program managers developing or managing education programs. The fellowships increase understanding, communication, and cooperation between the science, technology, and mathematics education community and legislative and executive branches of the Federal government.

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