

Teaching Strategies' Founder Diane Trister Dodge Inducted Into Educational Publishing Hall of Fame

Bethesda, MD, June 11, 2010 – The Association of Educational Publishers (AEP) announced this week that Teaching Strategies' Founder and President Diane Trister Dodge will be inducted into its Educational Publishing Hall of Fame. This prestigious honor pays tribute to outstanding members of the educational publishing community for lifetime contributions to the field. Previous honorees include Fred Rogers, Founder of Family Communications Inc.; Richard Robinson, Chairman and CEO of Scholastic; Joan Ganz Cooney, Co-Founder of Sesame Workshop; and Peter Jovanovich, former Chairman and CEO of Pearson.

“It is such a great honor to be invited into AEP’s Hall of Fame,” said Diane, “an honor I share with so many valued colleagues who have collaborated with me over the past 21 years to develop and support the implementation of the comprehensive resources that have made Teaching Strategies the respected publisher it is today. I am indebted to each of them and to AEP for recognizing the critical importance of high quality, comprehensive resources for early childhood educators.”

In honoring Diane, AEP emphasized her visionary contributions to the field of early childhood education, her tireless advocacy on behalf of early learners and educators, her passion and unwavering devotion to helping young children succeed in school and in life, and her dedication to educational equity for all. As one supporter wrote in his nomination, “Through her unwavering commitment to children and families and her creative endeavors, Diane has set a standard of excellence that is internationally renowned. A consummate professional and mentor to thousands of teachers and childcare providers, Diane’s legacy in our field is unsurpassed.” AEP also recognized the tremendous impact *The Creative Curriculum*® has had on the field of early childhood education, stating: “It has become a standard in the industry due to its innovative system that provides resources and support in all areas—curriculum, assessment, professional development, and family connection.”

This year’s other two inductees into the Educational Publishing Hall of Fame are Marilyn Burns, Founder of Math Solutions, and Rachelle Cracchiolo, Founder of Teacher Created Materials. “When I consider this year’s inductees into the AEP Hall of Fame, all I can say is wow,” said Charlene Gaynor, CEO of AEP. The dedication of these women to the education of children has me humbled. It is through individuals like these, and the companies they have created, that we can make such great strides in helping students meet and exceed their potential.”

The Educational Publishing Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will take place December 2, 2010, in New York City. Tickets will be available in the fall. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit www.AEPweb.org/fame.

AEP is a nonprofit organization that serves and advances the industry of supplemental educational publishing. The membership of AEP represents the breadth of educational content developers delivering progressive educational products in all media and for any educational setting. AEP's thought leadership and market insight have created ground-breaking opportunities for its members to collaborate, network, and partner with each other as well as to acquire a voice in the development of government education policy. Founded in 1895, AEP now assists its members in navigating the global realities of educational publishing in the 21st century.

Teaching Strategies is a dynamic educational publishing company that serves the early childhood community exclusively, bringing curriculum, assessment, professional development, and family connection resources to programs serving children from birth to age 6. The company's work is driven by its mission and core values: to provide the most effective early education resources in an innovative, responsive, collaborative, respectful, and ethical way. Teaching Strategies strives to support early childhood educators in their critically important work, providing comprehensive, research-based products and resources to help them as they open doors for all children and their families.