



## Technology Leadership Institute



### LHRIC Pioneer Award

*The Pioneer Award is given every year to a school district(s) in Westchester, Rockland and Putnam counties by the Lower Hudson Regional Information Center. This award is in recognition for innovative technology projects that change teaching and learning.*

## 2003-2004 Award Recipients

### Lakeland and Brewster Win Pioneer Awards

The Lakeland Central School District and the Brewster Central School District were the recipients April 22 of the 2004 Pioneer Award for Innovation in Educational Technology, given at the 11 th Annual Technology Conference sponsored by the Lower Hudson Regional Information Center.

The conference, held at the Hilton Tarrytown and attended by approximately 140 school district administrators and teachers, featured demonstrations of work done in both winning districts that earned them the Pioneer Award. Twelve school districts competed for the award.

In Lakeland, Instructional Technology Coordinator Linda Brandon explained that their wide-ranging advances in technology have expanded the world for their students. Among other projects, she showed colleagues an "Adopt a Tree" program at the Van Cortlandville Elementary School that is done simultaneously with partner schools in New Hampshire and New South Wales, Australia. Brewster's Director of Technology, Steve Moscowitz, explained that their district has developed hundreds of teacher web sites containing classroom lessons, links, class schedules, and tools for students. Their program permits teachers to build and rebuild their web sites through user-friendly templates, and students can build their own portfolio web pages.

The conference's keynote speaker, Dr. Christopher Dede, Chairman of Learning & Technology at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, noted that 21 st Century advances in technology have transformed teaching and learning by making interactivity, worldwide communication, and mobile computing commonplace activities.

But Dr. Dede warned educators that access to technology "can be exciting and frightening at the same time. We have to shape the media, not the other way around."

The conference also featured a digital music performance by four Fox Lane High School students, using a computer and a piano keyboard. Fox Lane music technology teacher Michael Groarke explained that the Bedford school uses "Digital Performer," a computer program that allows students to digitally compose their own music. His class has expanded from 20 students seven years ago to more than 100 students in five class sections today.

New York State Assistant Attorney General Gary S. Brown spoke at the conference about initiatives and the enforcement of laws to safeguard children when they use the Internet. And



Brewster officials celebrate winning the Pioneer Award from the Lower Hudson Regional Information Center. From left to right: LHRIC Co-Director Peter Reilly, Brewster Technology Director Steve Moscowitz, Brewster Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Lewis, and LHRIC Regional Coordinator John Hall.



Lakeland School District officials hold their 2004 Pioneer Award. From left to right, foreground: Dwayne Hoffman, director of information technology; Neal Townsend, recently retired director of information technology; Dr. Barnett Sturm, superintendent of schools; Dr. Sandra Kolk, assistant superintendent for instruction; and Linda Brandon, instructional technology coordinator. Standing in back is Peter Reilly, co-director of the Lower Hudson Regional Information Center.

Lakeland Superintendent of Schools Barnard Sturm, recipient of this year's American Association of School Administrators' President's Technology Award, urged teachers to make full use of the technology that is available to them.

The Lower Hudson Regional Information Center, through its Technology Leadership Institute, holds a series of conferences each school year geared toward school district administrators, teachers and directors of technology, including a fall leadership retreat. Upcoming events include a May 13 th conference on technology security, and a June 3 rd "Women in Technology" conference, featuring women's activist Gloria Steinem and Robin Rouse of Lotus Software.

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