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# Western Reserve Public Media Hosts Connected Educator Month for Area Educators

*October Is Connected Educator Month, But Teachers Can Own It All Year*

NORTHEAST OHIO – Sept. 28, 2015 – Twenty-five area educators will participate in Connected Educator Month in October via Western Reserve Public Media. The international initiative seeks to create a globally connected movement that fosters educational collaboration and innovation. “This is the second year we have offered this exciting opportunity to our teachers and we’re thrilled to once again connect to the monthlong international initiative,” said Jeff Good, director of education. “Western Reserve Public Media is the only Ohio public television station to participate in the project. It continues our rich history of connecting local educators to the latest trends and techniques in educational technology.”

Through the generosity of the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, the Connected Educator project at Western Reserve began in 2013. It offers versatile learning environments, with the 25 participants connecting through face-to-face and virtual meetings throughout the project, which will end in November. “Connected Educator Month is an incredible opportunity for anyone in education, or seeking to be in education, to expand their personal learning network by communicating and collaborating with educators from all over the world,” said Barbara Moore, Western Reserve Public Media project manager. “With hundreds of professional development and educational opportunities and millions of educators participating, the possibilities of connecting with just the right fellow colleagues are endless.”

Connected Educator Month began in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education in 2013, and each October since then millions of educators worldwide have participated in its professional development

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opportunities. In addition to the current Connected Educator project, Western Reserve Public Media offers a variety of additional technology training opportunities for area educators. For more information, visit [www.westernreservepublicmedia.myworkshops.com](http://www.westernreservepublicmedia.myworkshops.com). More information about Connected Educator Month is available at [www.connectededucators.org](http://www.connectededucators.org).

### **About Western Reserve Public Media**

Western Reserve Public Media (formerly PBS 45 & 49) is owned and operated by Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation and consortium of Kent State University, The University of Akron and Youngstown State University. A trusted community resource, Western Reserve Public Media uses the power of commercial-free television and related services to enrich the lives of people through high-quality programming and educational services that teach, illuminate and inspire. It serves the largest population of Ohio's eight PBS member stations.

Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEAO 49.1), a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of Northeast Ohio. It is available to 5.13 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average month, more than 1 million people tune in. The organization also operates three standard definition channels: Fusion (WNEO 45.2/WEAO 49.2), MHz Worldview (WNEO 45.3/WEAO 49.3) and V-me (WNEO 45.4/WEAO 49.4).

Our Educational Services Department provides technology training and educational content to over 24,000 educators and over 300,000 K-12 students, plus Ready To Learn Services to over 100,000 preschool children's parents and child-care providers.

For more information about the organization, visit <http://www.WesternReservePublicMedia.org> or call 1-800-554-4549.

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