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Western Reserve Public Media Announces Trumbull County Teacher Selected for 2015 PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovators Program

*Kristofer Doran Recognized for Use of Digital Media
and Technology in the Classroom*

KENT, Ohio — April 9, 2015 — Today, Western Reserve Public Media announced Kristofer Doran from Trumbull Career and Technical Center as one of the 100 educators selected for the **2015 PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovators** program. The program, which is in its third year, recognizes tech-savvy K-12 educators who are serving as leaders in the education technology space and incorporating digital media in classrooms.

The 2015 PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovators will receive yearlong professional development opportunities that include virtual trainings, access to premium and exclusive resources from PBS LearningMedia Custom service, invitations to special events, and access to a free PBS TeacherLine professional development course. PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovators will also receive ongoing support in their community from their local PBS member stations.

A resident of Girard, Ohio, Doran worked in broadcasting until 2008, when he decided to enter the field of career and technical education. He is an interactive multimedia teacher at Trumbull Career and Technical Center. “One program that our students are involved with is the ‘PBS NewsHour’ student reporting lab,” Doran said. “Our center has outstanding resources that enable us to do projects like this, and I love it here.”

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Coincidentally, as a high school student, Doran became interested in telecommunications as a career during a class visit to Western Reserve Public Media in Kent (then PBS 45 & 49). He is active in the Journalism Education Association and is a member of its curriculum initiative team.

Western Reserve Public Media congratulates two additional teachers who teach within its viewing area: Jay Wise from Copley-Fairlawn Middle School and Stephani Itibrou from Medina High School. The full list of the 2015 PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovators is available at <http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/digitalinnovators>.

PBS LearningMedia received hundreds of applications from leading teachers throughout the U.S. and its territories. Judges selected the 100 educators based on submissions of videos and written essays that addressed how they are creatively using digital technology and tools in the classroom to drive student achievement.

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/WEO 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/WEO 49.2), MHz Worldview (WNEO 45.3/WEO 49.3) and V-me (WNEO 45.4/WEO 49.4).

Through funding from the Ohio Department of Education, Western Reserve Public Media provides K-12 educational technology training and instructional television programming to 21,500 educators and 256,700 students in 10 Ohio counties. For more information about the organization, visit <http://www.WesternReservePublicMedia.org> or call 1-800-554-4549.

About PBS LearningMedia

As America's largest classroom, PBS offers digital content and services for teachers of children from pre-K through 12th grade that help bring classroom lessons to life. PBS LearningMedia, a partnership of PBS and WGBH Educational Foundation, is a free and paid media-on-demand service offering educators access to the best of public media and delivers research-based, classroom-ready digital learning experiences to engage students in exploring curriculum

concepts that align with National and Common Core State Standards. Nationwide, more than 1.6 million teachers have registered access to more than 100,000 digital resources available through PBS LearningMedia. More information about PBS LearningMedia is available at <http://www.pbslearningmedia.org> or by following PBS LearningMedia on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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