

2007 BridgeBuilder Award

The awards will be presented during Lunch on the Lower Level. Lunch begins at Noon.

The BridgeBuilder Award recognizes the outstanding service of individuals who have built bridges of dialog, cooperation and understanding between diverse groups and communities and who work and live in the northern suburbs of Chicago.


The Chicago Province of the Society of the Divine Word is honored to present the 2007 BridgeBuilder Award to five outstanding Northbrook public school teachers for their excellence in enlarging and enriching the boundaries of their students' minds, lives and spirits.




These five teachers are honored for their outstanding efforts and achievements in bringing their students into contact with people and worldviews very different from their own. In their words and actions these teachers have enabled their students to experience bridges of dialog, understanding and cooperation with new peoples and worlds.

Our honorees are:

- **Jerome Hoynes** of Glenbrook North High School - for being a "global citizen teacher" who inspires his students to reach beyond boundaries.
- **Motria Melnyk** of Meadowbrook Elementary School for connecting her young students through technology to students a world away, enabling them to recognize their amazing similarities and their fascinating differences.
- **Carol Hillsberg** of Wood Oaks Junior High School (Retired) for preparing students to respect the ways of other faith-traditions, and in doing so, to build stronger and more hope-filled citizens and communities.
- Carol Hillsberg also is accepting two awards for her retired colleagues: **Jean Steinberger** and **Becky Recor**, both of Wood Oaks Junior High School



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Presenting the awards is Father Mark Weber SVD, Provincial of the Chicago Province of the Society of the Divine Word.

We thank and honor these outstanding teachers. Your work lives on in the lives of many students - past and present.
Thank you.