



Dear Teacher of Promise:

Congratulations on your selection as a 2008 Teacher of Promise. This honor is a powerful recognition of your talents as a teacher and a testament to your abilities. We are looking forward to meeting you at the Institute on February 29 and March 1<sup>st</sup>. You will be paired with an exemplary educator who will serve as a mentor to you over the coming months as well as the opportunity to meet other exemplary pre-service teachers from throughout the Commonwealth. It promises to be an inspiring and memorable weekend. You should check the TOP website often at [www.jmu.edu/milken](http://www.jmu.edu/milken) for additional information and important updates.

Here are some other important things to note:

- Dress for Friday and the gala dinner is business formal
- Please arrive at JMU between 3:30 and 4:45 for registration; the program will begin promptly at 5:00 PM
- The registration will be held at the Festival Student and Conference Center (see map—a full campus map of JMU is available on the TOP website)
- The dress for all Saturday sessions is business casual
- Your universities should have made all hotel arrangements for you
- A listing of mentor assignments will be available at registration (It will also be posted online shortly)

Thank you for your commitment to our nation's students and congratulations.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip Bigler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Philip Bigler  
1998 National Teacher of the Year  
Director, the James Madison Center