Christine Bickett Earns Presidential Award of Excellence for Mathematics and Science Teaching

North Bullitt High School Teacher Christine Bickett is a recipient of the prestigious Presidential Award of Excellence for Mathematics and Science Teaching.

She is one of two Kentucky teachers named from the cohort grade 7-12 and among 213 mathematics and science teachers representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Territories, and the Department of Defense Education Activity schools.

“Words cannot describe how excited I am,” said the NBHS Mathematics Department Chairperson.

The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is awarded to outstanding K-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country. The winners are selected by a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, and educators.

Winners of this Presidential honor receive a $10,000 award from the National Science Foundation to be used at their discretion, and are invited to Washington, DC, for an awards ceremony, educational and celebratory events, and visits with members of the Administration including President Barack Obama.

"The recipients of this award are integral to ensuring our students are equipped with critical thinking and problem-solving skills that are vital to our Nation’s success,” President Obama said. “As the United States continues to lead the way in the innovation that is shaping our future, these excellent teachers are preparing students from all corners of the country with the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics skills that help keep us on the cutting-edge.”
Bickett has been teaching for 19 years. She graduated from Western Kentucky University with a Bachelor’s in Mathematics in 1997 and from the University of Louisville with a Master’s in Education in 2002.

She earned her National Board Certification in Adolescence and Young Adulthood Mathematics in 2009. Bickett attended Central Michigan University and Western Kentucky University to fulfill the requirements to teach dual credit classes.

Her educational involvement includes Morehead State University Adjunct Professor, KEA National Board Ambassador, National Board Candidate Support Provider, Kentucky Core Advocate and AdvanceKY Math Content Coordinator.

In addition to the Presidential Award, Bickett acquired the following honors during her career:

- 2015-2016 Bullitt County High School Teacher of the Year
- Campbellsville University Excellence in Teaching Award (2015)
- Texas Instruments National TI-Selfie Challenge Winner (2014)
- North Bullitt Athletic Hall of Fame (2011)

She and her husband, Dr. Robert Bickett, have 4 children; Jessie, Tori, Joey, and Mark.

Bullitt County Public Schools has over 13,200 students in grades preschool through 12. There are 25 school facilities, a certified staff of over 900 and a classified staff of over 800 working to make the district the leader in educational excellence.