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NEWS RELEASE O'Gorman Intermediate Catholic School Principal Honoured by Nipissing University Timmins, October 12, 2011:

Ted Weltz, O'Gorman Intermediate Catholic School Principal saw an educational opportunity, formed a partnership with Dr. David Booth and Ph.D. candidate Tina Benevides from Nipissing University and witnessed results that benefitted his students.

During the 2010-2011 school year, O'Gorman Intermediate Catholic School engaged in a unique research project with Nipissing University, being the first all male middle school class integrating iPad technology into the classroom setting in Canada. The project is part of a continuing investigating into the impact of this technology to increase literacy achievement and enhanced interest in reading. The preliminary findings have been remarkable – so much that the research continues into this school year at OICS.

In recognition of his leadership abilities and the prestige that his work brings to the Nipissing Alumni Community, Ted Weltz was honoured by the university and received the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award during Homecoming Weekend in North Bay. Each year, Nipissing University recognizes only one outstanding alumnus to honour their work in this regard.

Glenn Sheculski, Director of Education, noted "We are very proud of Ted for receiving this award. He goes above and beyond to always place the learning needs of his students first."



Ted Weltz commented "I am very honoured to receive this award. I accepted it on behalf of my teachers who are so dedicated and always looking for new educational techniques and methods that will enhance our students' abilities. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with Dr. Booth and Tina, and know that our collaborative efforts will have a lasting impact on our learners. "

Ted Weltz is picture above receiving the Nipissing University Distinguished Alumni Award.

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