

Pattonville teacher awarded Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award

Chris Benbow, a foreign language teacher at Pattonville Heights Middle School, was among a select group of St. Louis-area educators honored with an Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award on Nov. 18 in recognition of dedication and commitment to education.

In its 19th year, the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award is one of the St. Louis area's most prestigious teacher recognition programs. Educators from both public and private schools and colleges and universities were hand-picked by their peers or administrators to receive this honor for their dedication to educational excellence.

Benbow, who teaches French and Spanish to middle school students, was also named Pattonville School District's Teacher of the Year last May. He was among more than 100 area educators who took part in the Nov. 18 invitation-only awards presentation and reception at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Clayton. Each honoree was recognized and received an engraved Tiffany crystal apple.

The Excellence in Teaching Awards program is sponsored by Emerson, the diversified global manufacturer that is headquartered in St. Louis.