

# Mountain View teacher receives excellence award from International Technology Education Association

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — On March 27 in Louisville, Ky., Chad Majeske, who teaches at Mountain View Middle School in Blackfoot, received the Teacher Excellence Award for the state of Idaho from the International Technology Education Association.

Majeske graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in industrial technology education in 2003. His first three years of teaching were in a middle school in Fairfax County, Va., just south of Washington, D.C. In August 2007, he came with his family to Idaho so his wife could attend Idaho State University. For the past two years, he has been teaching at Mountain View Middle School in Blackfoot. He was hired as the metal shop teacher.

Believing that the approach of technology education would be more of a benefit to his students, he proposed the change in curriculum to his prin-



Chad Majeske

icipal, and was approved. Since the change, enrollment in his classes have increased.

Out of the classroom Majeske works with students after school in the FIRST LEGO League. For the past two years one of his teams took first place for robot design for the state of Idaho. Additionally, Majeske is a teacher fellow with GK-12 Project at ISU, funded by the National Science Foundation.

Through this program, a graduate student in electrical engineering spends 10 hours a week in the classroom working with his students. He has also been awarded as a teacher fellow again next year.

He serves on two committees, the steering committee for the Regional Workforce Innovation Team. RWIT's focus is to improve the economic environment to encourage the growth of businesses in Southeast Idaho. He also serves on the IEEE Educational Activities Board to help promote and develop its pre-university activities worldwide.

Although the Teacher Excellence Award can be given to an elementary, middle school and high school teacher for each state, Majeske was the only teacher recognized this year in Idaho.

Next fall Mr. Majeske will continue his desires to grow technology education in the state of Idaho as he takes a position with a new charter middle school in Blackfoot focused on science and technology.