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Hawthorne Elementary Teacher Honored for Environmental Teaching

Hawthorne Elementary fourth-grade teacher, Jason Wong, received the 2008 Patsy Collins Award for Excellence in Education, Environment and Community at IslandWood on June 13. Wong was honored for his dedication to creating powerful learning experiences for students,



and for connecting his students' education to the real world while inspiring them towards community and environmental stewardship. Wong helped his students build an outdoor learning classroom, organized a school garden with the local Rotary organization and initiated a Hawthorne Goes Green campaign, including worm bins for recycling food waste. Wong received a \$5,000 personal award and \$2,500 to donate to a school or charity of his choice. Wong selected to donate to the association Friends of Hawthorne for the enhancement of the arts program in

Hawthorne classrooms.

Hawthorne Elementary teacher, Jason Wong, center, received the 2008 Patsy Collins award for Excellence in Education, Environment, and Community at IslandWood. Wong is pictured with IslandWood founder Debbi Brainerd, and Executive Director Ben Klasky

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