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**East Lansing Educational Foundation Announces Award Winners and Annual Dinner**

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East Lansing, MI – The East Lansing Educational Foundation will host its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner and Golf Outing on May 12, 2011 at the Eagle Eye Country Club in East Lansing. Funds raised from the evening will support the Foundation’s Grants for Teachers programs. A Golf Outing will precede the Awards Dinner in the afternoon.

“The evening is a two-fer, “ says ELEF dinner chairman Dennis Hamilton. “We honor people who work to make East Lansing Schools and the entire East Lansing community stronger. And at the same time we raise money to keep books and laptops and other critical school supplies in East Lansing classrooms. Everyday we hear about budget cuts so it is more important than ever for the Foundation to step up its grants to teachers and students.”

This year’s awardees are:

Excellence in Teaching Award: Will Paddock (secondary) and Libby Keenan (elementary)

Outstanding Alumni Honor Roll: Keith Granger ELHS ‘85

East Lansing Educational Foundation Awards: Abu Towghi ELHS ‘80

Distinguished Community Service Award (Theda Assiff Award): Rep. Mark Meadows

Distinguished Alumni Award (distinction at the national or international level): Taylor Nichols ELHS ‘77

Spartan Village G.L.O.B.A.L. Education Award: Joshua Robertson

Dinner tickets are \$50 per person. Golf and dinner tickets are \$125 per person.

ELEF’s Business Partners for Education are generous sponsors of the event: Summit Community Bank; Grua Jamo & Young; Musselman Realty; Brogan, Reed, VanGorder & Associates; Crippen Buick GMC Mazda Volvo; Jane Bitsicas Doncaster Clothing; Brookover, Carr & Schaberg; Coral Gables of East Lansing; Craig Spencer, DDS; and Church Wyble. Jackson National Life generously provides printing for the event.

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