

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Jill McLeod wins \$2000 Grant from ING**

ING Financial Services has announced that Jill McLeod, teacher at AMC High School, has won a \$2000 grant. Representatives from ING will present her with the check on Tuesday, September 4 at 1:15 in the Lecture Hall of the high school. Below is an excerpt from her grant application.

- To help students learn to speak comfortably in front of large and small groups while using cutting-edge technology, McLeod created the program, "And We're Live in 3...2...1". Students will give presentations on select topics using a Sympodium™ which allows them to write on slides, save notes and access website and multimedia files on a larger screen, giving the audience a truly interactive experience. Presentations will be digitally recorded and made into an electronic portfolio for evaluation by students, peers and parents. Speech and Debate teacher McLeod hopes the 600 students who take the communication applications course at A&M Consolidated High School will be able to overcome their fears of public speaking with the unique added benefit of using advanced technology. McLeod believes this program will provide a distinct opportunity for students to practice their communication and public speaking skills as they improve their self-confidence and technology skills.

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