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TESOL and National Geographic Learning Announce 2018 TESOL Teacher of the Year

Alexandria, VA (6 March 2018) – [TESOL International Association](#) and [National Geographic Learning](#), a part of Cengage, are pleased to announce that Scott Freiberger, an English as a new language teacher at [P.S. 20Q John Browne Elementary School](#) in Flushing, New York, USA will receive the [2018 TESOL Teacher of the Year Award](#). The award, which is open to teachers at all levels, honors exceptional English language teaching. Freiberger will be recognized at the opening keynote session of the [2018 TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo](#), 27–30 March in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Freiberger has worked as an educator, instructional mentor, and teacher trainer in the United States and East Asia for nearly 20 years. Currently teaching in a diverse community in New York City, he uses his skillset to help his peers engage students, families, and community members. As many students in his community do not have opportunities to practice speaking English outside of the classroom, he challenges them to understand the importance of bilingualism; emphasizing to parents, guardians, and family members that students should not lose their native languages while learning English, and that students’ home language can be used as a scaffold to support learning English as a new language.

“Motivating at-risk youth to succeed continues to inspire me. My classroom has become a haven for learning, and I actively encourage students to endeavor in education and conceive of their schooling as a springboard to a better life,” said Freiberger.

The recipient of the TESOL Teacher of the Year Award receives a one-year [membership in TESOL International Association](#); a selection of [TESOL publications](#) valued at US\$250; complimentary registration, travel, and accommodations for the [2018 TESOL International Convention & English Language Expo](#); and a cash award of US\$1000. The award recipient will also deliver a presentation at the TESOL International Convention.

National Geographic Learning will present the award to Freiberger at the TESOL International Convention, where he will deliver a presentation titled “Enhancing Curriculum Access and Classroom Equity through Academic Language.” The presentation will explore how a solid foundation in academic language can have a significant impact on students’ vocabulary and

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verbal expressions, and it encourages TESOL educators to explore creative and vivid ways to use academic language in the classroom.

For more information on Scott Freiberger, please see the Teacher of the Year feature in the March issue of [TESOL Connections](#).

About TESOL International Association

Founded in 1966, [TESOL International Association](#) is a professional community of educators, researchers, administrators, and students committed to advancing excellence in English language teaching for speakers of other languages worldwide. With more than 12,000 members representing over 150 countries, TESOL fosters the exchange of ideas, research, and peer-to-peer knowledge, and provides expertise, resources, and a powerful voice on issues affecting the profession. Through professional development programs, its international conference, special interest groups, and publications, TESOL engages tens of thousands of professionals to collaborate globally and create a world of opportunity for millions of people of all ages who want to learn English.

For more information, please visit www.tesol.org.

About National Geographic Learning

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