

Brockway teacher gains national recognition through PBS award for classroom innovation

University Park, Pa. – Ryan Devlin, an 11th grade English and technology teacher at Brockway Area High School in Brockway, Pa., is one of 100 educators selected for the 2014 PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovators program.

The program rewards tech-savvy K-12 educators from across the country who are leaders in education technology by incorporating digital media in the classroom to promote student engagement and achievement.

“Great schools and great teachers constantly evolve and adapt,” said Devlin, whose classroom is 100 percent paperless. “Technology is going to continue to play an increased role in both life and the work place. If we don’t teach students relevant 21st century skills, we are failing to prepare them for their future.”

The 2014 PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovators will receive year-long professional development opportunities that include virtual trainings, access to premium and exclusive resources and invitations to special events.

The top 16 applicants, which includes Devlin, will serve as leads of the program and will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in a two-day digital education summit to participate in hands-on learning, collaborate with peers and hear from leaders in digital technology. A representative from Penn State Public Media will accompany Devlin on the trip.

Devlin, who has taught at Brockway Area High School for seven years, was named the Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year in 2013. He is one of four finalists for the 2014 National Teacher of the Year award. Devlin received his undergraduate degree from Waynesburg University and his master’s degree from California University of Pennsylvania.

The full list of the 2014 PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovators is available at <http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/digitalinnovators>.