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## PCTI's Education Foundation Awards Instructors with iPads, Improving Teaching Methods

**Wayne, NJ – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** – Passaic County Technical Institute's (PCTI) Education Foundation awarded select teachers with iPads. The reward came in light of incorporating new technology into the classroom setting. Teachers were required to write up proposals detailing the prospective use of their iPads. Those who came up with the best application for the Apple device were rewarded with an iPad to use in their classrooms.

Three instructors impressed the Education Foundation with their ingenuity and out of the box thinking. History Instructor, Joaquim Johnson, uses his iPad's Face-Time conference application as a communication tool allowing his classes to speak with students and educators all over the world. For example, while studying farming on the Great Plains, PCTI students could speak with students from South Dakota about the geography of their region.

Dance Instructor, Jennifer Ackerman uses her iPad to store, play, and edit music while teaching. The camera feature is especially valuable for capturing student performances and playing back the recording during critiques. She also uses the iPad for note-taking purposes during her student rehearsals.

Physical Education Instructor, Alaa Abdelaziz, doesn't teach in the traditional classroom. As such, he uses his iPad outdoors to stream videos and support visually enhanced learning.

Congratulations to the winning instructors and a heart-felt thanks to PCTI's Education Foundation for their generous donations to further better education!



**Photo Caption:** PCTI's Education Foundation awards Joaquim Johnson, Jennifer Ackerman, & Alaa Abdelaziz with Apple iPads, better integrating technology in the classroom setting.