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### Bishop Hartley High School Named in Top Three Innovative Schools

The Peter Li Education Group recognizes Bishop Hartley High School as one of three 2006 winners of *Catholic Schools for Tomorrow Award for Innovations in Education*.

Hartley High School received recognition in the category of Innovative Projects Facilitated by Technology. Only twelve elementary and secondary schools in the country received recognition in any category.

The award reads that these schools “have led the way by implementing exemplary, innovative programs to improve the teaching and learning of their students, faculty and staffs.”

Mike Winters, Bishop Hartley principal, says that technology “is intertwined in nearly all school activities just as it is in the activities of our students’ lives. We constantly incorporate new tools to enhance the educational experience of our students.”

In February of 2003, Bishop Hartley became the first school in the nation to equip an entire class of high school seniors with Tablet PC computers.

These mobile notebooks have numerous features that increase learning rates of students, including using digital ink on the notebook screen to write words, and to draw illustrations.

Tablet PC software also allows students to record the voice of the teacher lecturing, download notes the teacher projects electronically during a lecture, attach the teacher's voice to those visual images, and translate these records into other languages.

At Bishop Hartley, students may download electronic images, such as mathematics problems and notes a teacher projects onto a classroom wall. Students may then hand write on their Tablet PC screen whatever reminders they want to keep about ways to solve a particular problem. Then, they work out these problems in handwritten form, and submit their work to teachers electronically. Teachers may grade, highlight, and edit student work before returning it electronically.

The Bishop Hartley program has been extended to the junior class. Other Catholic high schools are also planning to use this technology.

Bishop Hartley High School has gained the attention of educators around the world in recent years for use of innovative technologies.

Visitors from New Zealand, Brazil and Alberta Canada have joined with educators from around the United States in examining the Hartley Tablet PC program.

Many have also established relationships with the Diocese of Columbus to jointly achieve larger strides in their educational progress.

In the past, Kenneth Collura, Director of Communication and Instructional Technologies for the diocese, said “Schools had to rely on well-intentioned companies that produce products. Then educators had to figure out a way to fit these products into current practice and pedagogy.”

Collura continues, “Bishop Hartley has redefined that model by becoming involved much earlier in the product development process.”

The school has representatives on development boards of at least three major companies in the school marketplace as well as being a Beta testing site for such companies as Microsoft and Hewlett Packard.

This year the winners of the *Catholic Schools for Tomorrow Award for Innovations in Education* will be featured in a special section in the March issue of **Today's Catholic Teacher** and honored at an awards presentation banquet on April 20<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta, Georgia during the National Catholic Education Association Convention.

“All students benefit from programs that are conceived and developed through cooperation between active teachers and industry leaders,” concludes Winters.

“This latest award is certainly an honor. My appreciation goes out to teachers, technology staff, participating students and parents as well as community and industry leaders. Their effort and insight made this award possible.”

The Peter Li Education Group recently announced the 2006 winners of *Catholic Schools for Tomorrow Award for Innovations in Education* in the March, 2006, issue of ***Today's Catholic Teacher***.

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