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Wachovia Presents Temple University College of Education With \$70,000 For Innovative Transition into Teaching Program

PHILADELPHIA- Wachovia Bank, a Wells Fargo Company, has announced a \$70,000 grant to Temple University's $E=mc^2$ transition into teaching program. The announcement was made by Hugh Long, Wachovia's Regional President for Pennsylvania and Delaware, during a recent ceremony for the first teachers to graduate from the program.

The money will be used for ten, \$7,000 scholarships for students enrolled in the $E=mc^2$ curriculum. $E=mc^2$ stands for Educating Middle-grades Teachers for Challenging Contexts. The program is designed to train midcareer and early retiree mathematics and science professionals as middle-grade teachers for high-need schools. $E=mc^2$ provides a streamlined certification process to teach middle school students in Pennsylvania.

"The backbone of any school system is its teachers, and Wachovia's support of $E=mc^2$ speaks directly to both teacher development and student development," said Long. "This program is a grand slam, it provides schools and students with additional qualified teachers in subjects where they are needed most, and ultimately helps cities like Philadelphia and companies like Wachovia, by creating a better educated workforce."

"We are very excited about Wachovia's grant, as it will help us to supply qualified teachers in the critical-needed areas of math and science, in three specific school districts: Philadelphia, Chester-Upland and Harrisburg," said C. Kent McGuire, Dean of Temple University's College of Education. "We want to thank Wachovia for their generosity in providing these scholarships and look forward to seeing next year's $E=mc^2$ graduates take their place in classrooms across the city and state."

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