The Truly Innovative Teaching Award was established in 2014 in memory of Harry and Jenny Truly by Elise “Pookie” and Michael Sautter. The award is presented to an NMSU educator (full-time, part-time, or graduate student) from any NMSU campus who teaches courses for academic credit. To win, you must have made an innovation in teaching that has positively impacted student attitude, motivation, or learning. Your innovation can be unique to you or can be an implementation of someone else’s innovation.

This innovation must also have some connection to the Teaching Academy, i.e., you learned about it here or you gave a workshop about it here. (To volunteer to give a workshop, contact Michelle Jackson at mmj@nmsu.edu.)

The winner will be chosen by the Teaching Academy Advisory Board. Academy staff cannot vote. The award comes with $1,000 and a glass art trophy. The 2017 award will be presented at the annual Teaching Academy Gala at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017. You are required to receive the award in person, so please check your calendar before applying.

The award cannot be won more than once within five years by the same person. The application has four sections that can take up no more than a total of 6 pages, including 3 pages of student letters. The page limits are strictly enforced.

Section 1
Name, department, contact information and confirmation of your availability for the Gala.

Section 2
What the innovation is and how it was applied in your class. (30 points)

Section 3
The relationship between your innovation and the Teaching Academy. (20 points)

Section 4
Evidence that your innovation positively affected student attitude, motivation, and/or learning. This section must include three letters of support from students, which contribute some (but not all) of the evidence to demonstrate how the teaching innovation affected attitude, motivation and/or learning. (50 points)

Note: Previous successful applications can be found at http://teaching.nmsu.edu/teaching-academy-awards/; however, the application guidelines do change somewhat every year.