

## **Shelter Insurance Foundation presents award to West Middle School teacher**

Chris Hysong, a math teacher at West Middle School in Columbia, Missouri, has received a \$2,000 Outstanding Contributor Award from the Shelter Insurance Foundation. Shelter Insurance® is West Middle School's partner in the Columbia Public Schools' Partners in Education program.

The award was presented to Hysong at a surprise ceremony in his classroom on Monday, May 4.

The Outstanding Contributor Award is presented each year to a faculty member of West Middle School in observance of Columbia Public School's Partners in Education Week. The honor recognizes an instructor who has made a significant contribution toward furthering the role of education. The award recipient is nominated by students and parents and is selected by the West staff.

Matt Moore, executive vice president of Shelter Insurance®, presented the award certificate and \$2,000 honorarium to Hysong.

"Chris was chosen from a very competitive pool of nominees and selected based on criteria including teaching philosophy, interpersonal relations with students and faculty, extra-curricular activities and community involvement," Moore said.

Hysong is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher who currently teaches pre-Algebra, Algebra, Geometry and Algebra II. He began his career as a University of Missouri Teaching Fellow in 2007-2008 at West Jr. High School (now West Middle School). He has eight years of teaching experience at West, including his Fellow year. In addition to teaching duties, Hysong sponsors the Math Club. This year, his 6th grade math team placed 2nd in the state competition of the Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

In 1984, Shelter Insurance® and West Junior High School (now West Middle School) joined resources to become one of Columbia's first business/school partnerships. Shelter Insurance® is proud to play an energetic role in the PIE program; a vehicle through which co-workers and West's staff and teachers work together to strengthen school programs, improve student achievement, and better prepare students for the world of work.