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Joel Daniel Harris receives Layperson of the Year Award

Canton, Ohio - May 14, 2014 - Joel Daniel Harris was selected to receive the “Layperson of the Year Award” for 2014 by the Canton Professional Educators’ Association.

Joel was nominated for the award by Jason Pigott, a teacher at the Early College Academy @ Souers, and the selection was based on his devotion to students in Canton City Schools, selfless service in the community of Canton, and professionalism.

Each year the Association recognizes a group and an individual within the community who have made a significant contribution to education, particularly in the Canton City Schools. Joel received the award at a banquet on May 13, 2014.

Joel is the founder and Executive Dreamer at TomTod Ideas, a non-profit organization in Stark County that empowers middle school students to launch absurd ideas that enhance the common good.

In September 2013, Joel began working with 7th grade students at the Early College Academy. He led TED-Ed pilot clubs which walked students through the ideation process. In February 2014, TomTod launched “Grasp. Go. Grow.” at the Early College Academy.

“Grasp. Go. Grow.” is a new in-school pilot program of TomTod Ideas that helps students explore the process of ideation. “Grasp. Go. Grow.” gives students the tools needed to be innovators and creators.

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