

# Comal Independent School District

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **GFES teacher achieves prestigious national recognition by Apple**

Cristina Popescu, a third grade teacher at Goodwin Frazier Elementary, was recently selected to join the Apple Distinguished Educator (ADE) Program.

Popescu is the first-ever ADE for not only Comal ISD but in the greater San Antonio area.

Popescu joined the new ADE class of 2011 in Phoenix at Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, an amazing venue for innovation and creativity. With the backdrop of the Cronkite School's sound stages, recording studios, and the modern learning environment, ADEs from around the United States gathered for a week of collaboration with Apple Education board members and members of Apple's cooperate offices July 17-22.

She was one of only 76 newly selected members of the ADE Program nationwide in 2011. Her induction into the ADE Program is a lifelong appointment.

"It was such an honor to attend the 2011 Apple Distinguished Educator Institute," Popescu said. "I'm very humbled and grateful that Apple has given me a voice to advocate for creating an enriching and dynamic learning environment for my students."

The Apple Distinguished Educator Program began in 1994, when Apple recognized K-12 and higher education pioneers who are using a variety of Apple products to transform teaching and learning in powerful ways. Today it has grown into a worldwide community of over 1,700 visionary educators and



innovative leaders who are doing amazing things with technology in and out of the classroom.

“This will allow me to bring the latest and greatest technology into the classroom,” Popescu said. “Our goal is to help define what 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning in the classroom will be like. Apple is giving us the opportunity to share these ideas with the world of education.”

Learn more about this group of innovative educators online at <http://www.apple.com/education/ade>.

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