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**Tigard High School Teacher Named SAO Foundation Technology Educator of the Year**  
*Annual Recognition Event Raises Critical Funds for Student, Teacher Programs*

**Portland, Oregon, October 26, 2006** – The Software Association of Oregon Foundation (SAOF) named Stevie Viaene of Tigard High School as the 2006 Oregon Technology Educator of the Year. Oregon State Superintendent of Public Instruction Susan Castillo presented Viaene with the award at the fourth annual recognition dinner, wine tasting and auction fundraiser gala, “Uncork-ED.” The SAOF increased funds raised in the 2006 event by 150% over last year for educational programs supporting both teachers and students.

Viaene is the technology coordinator for Tigard High where she also teaches Introduction to Programming, Web Design and Tech Support courses. She is the president-elect for the Oregon Computer Science Teachers Association and received multiple nominations for the award for her involvement, expertise and enthusiasm for computer science and IT education by both teachers and students. The award includes recognition and a \$1,000 donation to Viaene’s technology classroom.

Additional nominees for the 2006 award included Kathy Roberson, McNary High School; Greg Smith, West Salem High School; and, Terrel Smith, Sherwood High School.

The SAO Foundation helps Oregon K-12 schools embrace information technology education to prepare students for the global knowledge economy. SAOF was created in 2003 by the Software Association of Oregon (SAO) to provide a means for software industry and others to formally support programs that improve the availability and quality of technology education in Oregon schools.

**About the SAOF and SAO**

The Software Association of Oregon Foundation (SAO Foundation) is a 501c3 non-profit founded in 2003 by the Software Association of Oregon (<http://www.sao.org>), a trade association with more than 600 member organizations. For more information about the SAO Foundation, or for tickets to the event, call 503-228-5443.

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