



## 2011 B.E.S.T. Award Recipients

The Lehigh Valley Community Foundation presented B.E.S.T. awards to five (5) Bethlehem Area School District teachers at Convocation on Wednesday, August 24, 2011, at Liberty High School.

The Bethlehem Educational Scholastic Trust (BEST) fund is a component fund of the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation. The idea for the BEST Awards began more than a decade ago, when a group of community leaders met to discuss ways in which the importance of teaching could be underscored and superior teachers honored for their work.

The BEST Committee received nominations from parents, teachers, students, BASD employees, and residents of the community. These nominations reflected a professionalism and passion for teaching which speaks volumes for the teachers at BASD. It was truly inspirational to read of the high regard which parents and students have for the teachers who have touched their lives, and the Committee worked diligently to select five (5) award winners from among so worthy a group of nominees. The 2011 B.E.S.T. Award Recipients are as follows:

- ✚ Gale Murphy, Teacher, Asa Packer Elementary School
- ✚ Cindy Stein, Teacher, James Buchanan Elementary School
- ✚ Lori Cirucci, Teacher, Broughal Middle School
- ✚ Denise Parker, Teacher, Northeast Middle School
- ✚ Jennifer Wescoe, Teacher, Freedom High School

Each recipient received a certificate and monetary award. In addition, their school received a certificate to display in their building.

If you would like to nominate a teacher for a 2012 BEST Award, please complete the nomination form and mail or email it to Committee or person listed on the form.

Congratulations to Gale, Cindy, Lori, Denise, and Jennifer!