

# Intel Inspiring Educators Winner



## About Angie

Angie has been teaching for 15 years. She received her Master's degree from Iowa State University in TESL-Applied Linguistics in 1999. For the past 6 years she has taught language arts resource students at Cottonwood Middle School. Prior to that she taught on the Navajo Indian Reservation, two schools in Iowa, and kindergarten through doctoral students from all over the world through her private Global Sunshine ESL Consulting business.

Her school district just received a large 21st Century Technology grant: she is one of 15 teachers participating in the grant. In Fall 2009, she became an Intel Master Teacher and will be training the other teachers involved in the grant to help them develop project based learning units that incorporate technology standards. In her district she stays very involved as a SEI state certified trainer, member of the district's Curriculum Task Force, as the resource department chair at her campus, on the school scheduling committee, and as the Language Arts Professional Learning Community Facilitator for grades 6-8. Her passion is helping at-risk youth through Holocaust studies which is a central learning tool in her classroom. Along with her students, she coordinates and puts on the community Holocaust Days of Remembrance event annually to instill leadership skills and an awareness of tolerance among her students and the community.

## Angie Hillman - Arizona

Intel® Teach Master Teacher  
Cottonwood Middle School,  
Language Arts Resource Specialist

## The Strength of the Human Spirit

For several years I taught bits and pieces of the Holocaust in my high school literature classes. However, it was not until I began teaching my 6th, 7th, and 8th grade learning disabled students these lessons in history through my project based learning unit that I created at an Intel class that my life and theirs began to change. Through my Intel unit my enthusiasm for teaching has been reborn. In this day and age with all the state testing and other things weighing heavy on educators I had lost my focus on how to make learning fun. Through the creation of my Intel unit I have been able to bring that fun back into my classroom with the highest level of instruction possible for my students.

At times my students have struggled to enjoy school and to feel like a real part of the school itself. My Intel unit entitled "The Strength of the Human Spirit" has made it possible for them to attend amazing Holocaust survivor events, do service work in the community, be featured in the newspaper, and become leaders among their peers as Holocaust educators themselves.

[Read Angie's Story](#)

[View Angie's Unit Plan](#)

*"I now have two amazing Intel project based learning units and will never forget how Intel brought my spirit alive again to be the best teacher that I can be.*

*Watching the daily progress and positive results of my students is a reminder of why I teach and how the delivery and enthusiasm of my lessons is critical to making leaders of tomorrow."*

[Read more Inspiring Stories >](#)