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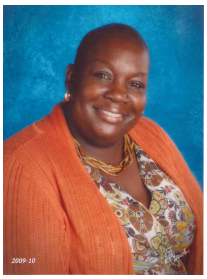
# ASU Graduates Awarded Council for Exceptional Children Mini-Grants

**Aletha Armour**



**Gloria Peterson**

Two graduates of the Albany State University College of Education Network for Enhancing Teacher Quality program are among this year's recipients of the Georgia Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) mini-grants. Aletha Armour and Gloria Peterson were awarded $500 each. The grants were awarded to 10 student members of NET-Q, who will be first year teachers. The grant, earmarked for the purchase of literature, materials, supplies, and technology will be expended during the 2012-2013 school year to support a classroom for students with disabilities.

The goal of NET-Q is to increase the quality and number of highly qualified teachers who are committed to high needs schools in urban metro-Atlanta and rural Georgia settings. Both graduates completed a certification program through the ASU College of Education this spring and received a one-year paid internship in conjunction with Georgia State University. Armour and Peterson are Special Education teachers in the Terrell County School District. "As a teacher, you need to have things in your classroom that incorporate the new Georgia standards. Technology that is aligned with the curriculum is more likely to ensure students are successful," said Armour who plans to buy software for reading, and a portable laptop for one-on-one teaching.

Peterson plans to purchase hand-held games to assist students with math and reading and a copier to assist in the production of study guides. Both educators also received an iPad during the Net-Q program for use in the classroom.

The winners will be recognized at the annual Georgia CEC Conference next February and will provide feedback about how the money was used and outcomes. The winners will also present a poster session at the conference.

For more information about the Georgia Council for Exceptional Children mini-grants and the NET-Q program, contact the ASU Office of University Communications at (229) 430-4671.