



## Follett Challenge Unveils Semifinalists, Video Winners

*New York, Pennsylvania, Alaska schools in top 3; winner to be announced April 26*

**MCHENRY, Ill., March 7, 2016** – A first-ever finalist from the state of Alaska highlighted today’s video announcement of the three semifinalists and 10 People’s Choice Awards in the [Follett Challenge](#). Sponsored by [Follett](#), the fifth annual Follett Challenge will reward \$200,000 in Follett products and services to the most innovative K-12 programs teaching 21<sup>st</sup>-century skills to students.

This year’s three semifinalists – singled out by elementary, middle and high schools – are:

- Elementary: **Quest Elementary School**; Hilton Central School District; Hilton, New York; video: [“QUEST Builds Ingenuity”](#)
- Middle: **Broughal Middle School**; Bethlehem Area School District, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; video: [“GingerBuilding Project 2015”](#)
- High: **Ben Eielson Junior/Senior High School**; Fairbanks North Star Borough School District; Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska; video: [“Aiming High at Eielson”](#)

From the three semifinalists, a grand-prize winner will be selected and announced April 26. The overall winner will earn a \$60,000 prize in Follett products and services, plus a celebration at their school. The other two semifinalists each will earn \$30,000 in products and services.

The video announcement also revealed the 10 People’s Choice winners– those schools whose video submissions received the highest number of online votes from the public. Each of the winning schools earns \$8,000 in Follett products and services. The top 10 are:

1. Mary E. Griswold Elementary School; Berlin Public Schools; Berlin, Connecticut; [video](#)
2. Marist High School; Chicago, Illinois; [video](#)
3. Deer Park Elementary School; Baltimore County Public Schools; Owings Mills, Maryland; [video](#)
4. Butler Middle School; Butler Area School District; Butler, Pennsylvania; [video](#)
5. School Eleven; Clifton, New Jersey; [video](#)
6. Reynolds School; Upper Saddle River, New Jersey; [video](#)
7. Clarenceville School District; Livonia, Michigan; [video](#)
8. Linn-Mar Community School District; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; [video](#)
9. College Park Elementary School, Irvine, California; [video](#)
10. Hopkins North Junior High School, Minnetonka, Minnesota; [video](#)

Griswold Elementary was the top vote getter with 5,242; Marist High was second with 4,081.

“As I reflect on the winning programs we’ve seen over the past five years since we started the Follett Challenge, it’s fascinating how innovation has evolved,” said Britten Follett, vice president of marketing for Follett School Solutions, who has spearheaded the Follett Challenge since its debut. “Teachers and librarians are consistently amazing me by showcasing new ways of reaching students in our ever-

changing world. Whether it's through gamification, reading contests, makerspaces, or service learning programs, the Follett Challenge has awarded some of the most forward-thinking programs in the country."

Follett Challenge entrants must complete an online application and submit a video describing their program. The judges seek applications illustrating critical thinking, communication, creativity and collaboration.

For more information on the Follett Challenge, visit [www.follettchallenge.com](http://www.follettchallenge.com).

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