

## Bend High Teacher Named to All-USA Teacher Team

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Bend High School's Robert Tadjiki is among a handful of teachers nationwide to be named to USA TODAY's All-USA Teacher Team today. The 2006 All-USA Teacher Team includes 19 individuals and a team of two (21 teachers in total) in grades K-12.

Robert Tadjiki "We're pleased to honor these remarkable teachers who enhance education with initiative, enthusiasm and insight. They make a real difference for their students, schools and communities," said USA TODAY Editor Ken Paulson. Tadjiki teaches special education courses at Bend High School, "I believe in high expectations for all of the students that I work with and especially for students with disabilities." He says his national recognition is a humbling honor and opportunity to communicate the successes of students and people with disabilities to the framework of our society. "I teach because I love to see students become successful and because I want to give kids a chance to make a difference in our society," he adds. "My students with disabilities have made some pretty incredible impacts in our community while only being young adults." Tadjiki has been teaching special education students for more than 11 years. He has been at Bend High School since 2000. About the USA TODAY All-USA Teacher Team The All-USA Teacher Team was selected by a panel of judges from nominees across the country. Teachers could be nominated by school administrators, students (past or present), students' parents, colleagues or family members. Teachers were then asked to describe their schools and students' needs and how they go about meeting those needs. Awardees will receive a trophy and share \$2,500 with their schools, with each teacher receiving \$500.

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