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School House Receives National Recognition as Outstanding Woman-Owned Small Business from SCORE Foundation Sponsored by Constant Contact

Washington DC— Rachel Weeks of Durham, NC and owner of School House has been chosen as this year's recipient for the prestigious Outstanding Woman-Owned Small Business award given by The SCORE Foundation and sponsored by Constant Contact. [SCORE](http://www.SCORE.org), (www.SCORE.org) mentors to America's small business, serves over 375,000 clients annually and honors their most successful clients at The SCORE Foundation's annual award ceremony celebrating excellence on Thursday, September 15th at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington DC. School House will be honored for demonstrating unique vision, innovation and achievement as an Outstanding Woman-Owned Small Business.

School House is receiving this award out of hundreds of nominees based on their successful small business growth and community partnerships. In the last year alone, School House has:

- Built a stellar, 5 person team in Durham
- Diversified revenue with 60 new university customers
- Moved manufacturing back to the United States to support local jobs and the new economy

"We are so proud to be recognized for our hard work as a small business. Out of the hundreds of SCORE clients, our accomplishments made us stand out. Thank you to our wonderful community for supporting us and helping us succeed. This would not have been possible without you," says Rachel Weeks.

SCORE CEO Ken Yancey says, "The SCORE Awards celebrates and honors successful and innovative entrepreneurs who inspire us all and the small business advocates who support entrepreneurship in America." Yancey adds, "As the economy works to recover from recession, these small business successes represent America's success through innovation and job growth."

The SCORE Foundation President Mark Dobosz says, "Our clients and supporters inspire other small businesses as they proceed on their path to success. SCORE is honored to celebrate the people and businesses that fuel our economic prosperity and social progress."

You can read more about this success story at <http://tiny.cc/9vne4>

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About The SCORE Foundation: The mission of The SCORE Foundation is to support and leverage the work of SCORE by soliciting, investing and managing resources for the benefit of SCORE. Learn more about The SCORE Foundation at www.scorefoundation.org.

About SCORE: Since 1964, SCORE has helped more than 9 million aspiring entrepreneurs. Each year, SCORE provides small business mentoring and workshops to more than 375,000 new and growing small businesses. More than 13,000 business experts volunteer as mentors in 364 chapters serving local communities with education and resources to help grow 1 million small businesses.

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