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DAYTON, Ohio, April 22, 1983 -- University of Dayton senior, Gary F. Mazzola, has been chosen as one of the three finalists in the National Education Association's National Student Teaching Competition. Mazzola, an elementary education major, won his recognition for a lesson plan and videotape presentation he developed for his fourth grade student-teaching class at Kettering's Beavertown Elementary School.

The National Education Association (NEA), is sponsoring the competition through its student affiliate the Student National Education Association (SNEA). The competition is designed to encourage those who have chosen to enter the teaching field to compete with one another in a contest of teaching skills. The participants are encouraged to place emphasis on "cultivating sound pedagogical practices, to help stimulate improvement of the student teaching component of our nation's teacher preparation programs."

The theme for the 1982-83 competition is global awareness. Students were asked to develop presentations that would promote increased understanding and cooperation between people around the world. Mazzola's topic, "World Hunger: A Growing Dilemma," takes an interdisciplinary approach to the problem.

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Three national finalists were chosen from around the country and will be flown to Washington, D.C., to compete in the final round of the competition - scheduled for April 27-28.

In addition to being a national finalist in the teaching competition, Mazzola is president of the UD chapter of SNEA and was recently presented with the Student NEA - Ohio Outstanding Leadership Award.

Mazzola is the son of Francis and Bonita Mazzola, 7 Burning Tree Road, Franklin, Massachusetts.