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[A click and a win!](#)

by Amy Tucker

April showers typically bring May flowers... but, for several lucky winners, a simple stop to the Mary-Margaret Network website also brought valuable prizes and smiles all around!

To build excitement leading up to [GDC '09](#), Mary-Margaret Network staff produced a weekly blog segment to prep attendees on how to maximize their conference experience. One lucky individual won a [Resume Overhaul](#), one-page Power Resume and sample Cover Letter valued at \$800.

The [Resume Overhaul](#) package was won by Dave Block (right) of Seattle, Washington, and it couldn't have come at a better time: he's currently in the process of changing career directions.

"I realized that my passion surrounded creativity and content," explained Block. "I really like building the partnerships that deliver great consumer value. So, a well-written resume will help me frame the conversations that I want to have with potential employers."



At the conference, Mary-Margaret Network also recognized the efforts of more than 400 GDC Conference Associates. A special drawing was held to award five volunteers a Free Resume Tune-Up valued at \$400 each.

Game Developer Jeff Ridenour (left), of [Javaground USA](#), walked away with a coveted Tune-Up and plans to use the win to "step up his career path."

"I've gained a lot of recent experience and haven't updated my resume in a long time," Ridenour conceded. "I'm looking to improve my position as game developer or teacher and the Tune-Up will help me update and consolidate all of my experience nicely."

Ridenour (left) noted that many GDC giveaways included fun prizes, but he was especially grateful that his win had relevance.

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