

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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NEBRASKA BUSINESS TEACHERS RECOGNIZED WITH BEST AWARD

Fifty-one Nebraska business teachers were recognized by the Nebraska Department of Education at the Nebraska Career Education Conference held June 3, 2015 in Kearney.

Teachers whose professional activities influenced business and marketing education in Nebraska during the past year received BEST — Belong, Excel, Study and Travel — Awards for their involvement in professional associations, community and school activities, professional leadership development and service to the business education profession.

BEST awards exemplify superior qualities, including dedication to students, community outreach and continual classroom improvement efforts. The following individuals contributed significantly to the quality of education in their community and the state:

- 25-year award winners: Kim Pickering, Nebraska Extension; Wanda Samson, Metropolitan Community College; Kurk Shrader, Elmwood-Murdock; Bev Newton, Nebraska Department of Education
- 20-year award winners: Carol Andringa, Lincoln Public Schools
- 10-year award winner: Tennille Gifford, Kearney High School, Shelly Mowinkel, Milford High School
- 1st-year award winners: Tom Dickey, Omaha North High School; Kyleigh Lewis, Dorchester High School; Dustin Penas, Papillion LaVista South High School; Ann Reichle, Mid-Plains Community College; Jan Went, Columbus Lakeview High School; Susan Wellman, Syracuse High School

Additional award recipients:

Lori Anderson of Lincoln East High School
Janice Arent, Maywood High School
Jane Blum, Minden High School
Crystal Bolamperti of Westside Middle School
Brenda Budler of Chadron High School
Kate Carlson, DC West High School
Angie Chittick of North Platte Community College
Jean Condon, Mid-Plains Community College
Jocelyn Crabtree, Lincoln Northeast High School
Kathy Dobesh of Litchfield High School
Teresa Feick of Arlington High School
Lisa Fox of Dundy County Stratton High School
Dawn Friedrich of Wausa High School
Kris Gaebel of Gretna High School
Lisa Hanson of Neligh-Oakdale High School

DeLayne Havlovic of Omaha Public Schools
Shawna Koger of Arlington High School
Dennis Krejci of Tri County High School
Janet Lear of University of Nebraska at Kearney
Colleen Lenner of Omaha Central High School
Kathleen McCune of Mid-Plains Community College
Matt Maw of Lincoln Southeast High School
Kelly Means of Omaha Central High School
Lorrie Mowry of McCook Community College
Mickie Mueller of Norfolk High School
Laura Newton of Elkhorn Valley High School
Cathy Nutt of Mid-Plains Community College
Pat Olson of Blair High School
Jan Osborn of Sargent Public Schools
Peggy Parker, Dundy County Stratton High School
Sheryl Piening Keller, Southeast Community College-Milford
Celeste Rogers of Sandhills High School
Janet Stalder of McCook Community College
Janelle Stansberry of Cedar Bluffs High School
Debra Stroh of Gibbon High School
Cindy Talley of Fillmore Central High School
Lindsay Tillinghast of Lincoln southeast High School
Kari Tunink, Columbus High School
Deb Wolken, Lincoln Northeast High School

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