

# NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## NEWS RELEASE

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### NEBRASKA BUSINESS TEACHERS RECOGNIZED WITH BEST AWARD

Forty-seven Nebraska business teachers were recognized by the Nebraska Department of Education at the Nebraska Career Education Conference held June 4, 2014 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:

- 20-year award winners: Jean Condon, Mid-Plains Community College and Deb Wolken, Lincoln Northeast High School
- 10-year award winner: Janice Arent, Maywood High School
- 1<sup>st</sup>-year award winners: Kate Carlson, Douglas Co. West High School; Jocelyn Crabtree, Lincoln Mickle Middle School; and Sydney Kobza, Westside High School

Additional award recipients:

Lori Anderson of Lincoln East High School  
Carol Andringa of Lincoln Public Schools  
Patricia Arneson, Wayne State College  
Crystal Bolamperti of Westside Middle School  
Brenda Budler of Chadron High School  
Angie Chittick of North Platte Community College  
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  
Tennille Gifford of Kearney High School  
DeLayne Havlovic of Omaha Public Schools  
Julie Jensen, Aurora High School  
Shawna Koger of Arlington High School  
Dennis Krejci of Tri County High School  
Janet Lear of University of Nebraska at Kearney  
Colleen Lenners 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  
Shelly Mowinkel of Milford High School  
Lorrie Mowry of McCook Community College  
Mickie Mueller of Norfolk High School  
Laura Newton of Elkhorn Valley High School  
Lisa Newton-Hanson of Neligh-Oakdale High School  
Cathy Nutt of Mid-Plains Community College  
Pat Olson of Blair High School  
Jan Osborn of Sargent Public Schools  
Peggy Parker, Chase County High School  
Kim Pickering, UNL Extension  
Sheryl Piening Keller, Southeast Community College-Milford  
Celeste Rogers of Sandhills High School  
Wanda Samson of Metropolitan Community College  
Kurk Shrader of Elmwood-Murdock 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

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