

Nancy Eberle – Gregg Christensen Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame Award

Ms. Eberle has served as ESI Curriculum Coordinator for the University of Nebraska since 2008. In this capacity, she has helped pilot and market the Entrepreneurship Investigation curriculum materials, LEAP into Careers, Blueprint for Success and Community Connection digital and print materials. Nancy currently serves as Special Projects Coordinator for Nebraska Extension. She has been involved with entrepreneurial development for many years, serving as Central Area Director for Congressman Tom Osborne and teaching EDGE classes for young entrepreneurs.

She was also one of the original founding leaders of the Nebraska Entrepreneurship Task Force and has served as an Executive Committee member for many years. The Hall of Fame Award is NETForce's highest honor and is reserved for an individual who has significant, sustained and inspirational commitment to advance entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship education in Nebraska.

Marilyn Schlake – Outstanding Entrepreneurship Educator of the Year

Ms. Schlake is a member of the Nebraska Entrepreneurial Task Force (NETForce), the NU Entrepreneurial Taskforce, National Extension Entrepreneurship Communities of Practice and Extension Entrepreneurship Action Team. Marilyn serves as a focused Extension educator in the area of adult and youth entrepreneurship and economic/community development. She is currently certified as a Gallup Entrepreneur Acceleration System guide, working with business owners and their management teams to address behavioral and customer centric objectives. Marilyn also provides youth education through camp workshops, classroom presentations and competitions.

As an Extension Educator within the Department of Agricultural Economics, Schlake serves as the faculty advisor to the Women in Agriculture program, a highly successful long-term educational program for Nebraska's women farmers and ranchers.

Juan Sandoval – Nebraska Outstanding Entrepreneurship Service Award

Juan has been with the Center for Rural Affairs, REAP Latino Business Center Director for the past six years. He works directly with entrepreneurs in providing micro-loans, training and technical assistance. Juan works with entrepreneurs to develop their marketing strategy and a business plan through his experience as a Marketing Assistant with Saint Mary University.

Juan has a passion for entrepreneurship education through training and presenting different topics related to entrepreneurship. He has been involved in the Schuyler and Columbus SCORE Table Talks and continues to offer these short topic sessions. He also has been involved in working with the local region in developing businesses for economic development services in Nebraska.