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THREE OUTSTANDING ENTREPRENEURSHIP LEADERS RECEIVE AWARDS AT NEBRASKA ENTREPRENEURSHIP BEST PRACTICES SUMMIT

The Nebraska Entrepreneurship Task Force (NETForce) and co-sponsor, the Nebraska Enterprise Fund, presented special awards to three Nebraska leaders noted for their leadership in entrepreneurship advocacy and entrepreneurship education during the Entrepreneurship Best Practices Summit at Nebraska Innovation Campus on November 17th. The Summit focuses on enhancing the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Nebraska through networking, sharing what works, and highlighting Big Ideas in entrepreneurship. The presentations were made at the conclusion of a luncheon and keynote by Erik Pedersen, Vice President of Entrepreneurship for NetWork Kansas.

The awards were:

- Outstanding Nebraska Entrepreneurship Service Award presented to Juan Sandoval, REAP Latino Business Center
- Outstanding Entrepreneurship Educator of the Year presented to Marilyn Schlake, University of Nebraska Extension, Department of Agricultural Economics
- Gregg Christensen Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame Award presented to Nancy Eberle, Nebraska Extension

Craig Schroeder, Senior Fellow at the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship and current Chairperson of NETForce and Jim Reiff, Executive Director of the Nebraska Enterprise Fund co-presented the awards.