

NEBRASKA EDUCATOR HARRY GAYLOR RECEIVES NATIONAL DECA AWARD

Anaheim, CA, April 29, 2009 – Harry Gaylor, an Omaha Central High School marketing teacher, recently received an award for 40 years of service to marketing education and DECA.

Gaylor received the award at the DECA International Career Development Conference.

Gaylor, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate and standout college wrestler, has spent his entire teaching career at Omaha Public Schools coaching wrestlers and teaching marketing to DECA students.

He began teaching at Omaha Technical High School and taught at that school for 15 years, until it closed. Omaha Technical High School began offering 'Distributive Education' in 1921 and was considered to be one of the earliest programs in the nation. He has taught at Omaha Central High School for the past 25 years. During his tenure his students established an outstanding reputation for Central High Marketing, earning numerous awards at all participation levels. At the international level, student awards included individual, series, chapter, team and project events as well as Quiz Bowl recognitions and scholarships. Gaylor's students qualified for national competition each year during his 40 years of teaching.

Gaylor has received numerous professional awards including Nebraska Outstanding Marketing Teacher of the Year several times) the Alice Buffett Award for Teaching and the Ike Friedman Excellence in Education award. He continues to develop future marketing educators by teaching marketing education at the university level. Gaylor served on the National DECA Secondary Council, several Mark-Ed committees and councils as well as with his local and state associations. He attended all but one national marketing conference.

Under Gaylor's guidance and supervision, thousands of students have participated in marketing education and marketing internship programs, which included marketing, management and entrepreneurship.

"It is an honor and a pleasure to have the association and guidance of some outstanding fellow marketing educators, both at the local school and state affiliations," Gaylor said. "Exemplary, creative students, visionary and compassionate training station sponsors and a supportive school district have made the journey far from boring."

DECA is an international association of high school and college students studying marketing, management and entrepreneurship in business, finance, hospitality and marketing sales and service.