

NEBRASKA EDUCATOR TONY GLENN RECEIVES NATIONAL SkillsUSA AWARD

Leesburg, Va., May 1, 2009 – Tony Glenn of the Nebraska Department of Education has been selected as an Honorary Life Member of SkillsUSA by its national board of directors.

Glenn works for the Nebraska Department of Education in Career and Technical Education as state director for Industrial, Manufacturing and Engineering Systems. He lives in Hickman.

The award is SkillsUSA's highest recognition and is given for outstanding service that advances the purposes and goals of the national organization. Glenn will be presented the prestigious award in Kansas City, MO., on June 21, at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference.

Glenn is a corporate member of the SkillsUSA Nebraska Association. Over the years, he has supervised many Nebraska students as they competed in the rigorous SkillsUSA Championships, an annual state and national competition in which thousands of students test their skills in career and technical education fields. A number of his students have won national medals in their contests. The SkillsUSA Nebraska Association was founded in 1966 as the Nebraska Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA). The Nebraska association now serves more than 1,500 students and teachers annually.

Glenn was instrumental in launching a pilot program for the organization's new *Champions for Change* initiative, which encourages the development of the American work force by building SkillsUSA chapters in vulnerable communities. With a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, six pilot sites nationwide, including Blackburn Alternative Education program in Omaha, were chosen as the program's first sites launched in the fall of 2007.

Currently serving as vice president of the SkillsUSA National Board of Directors, Glenn also has served on numerous national committees and boards including Career Clusters Initiative (Architecture and Construction), president of the National Association of State Supervisors of Trade and Industrial Education and inaugural president of the Association for Skilled and Technical Sciences.

In 2008, Glenn was selected as a charter member of the National Association of Manufacturers Manufacturing Institutes Education Council and was recently elected to the Norris School District's Board of Education. He is a member of the SkillsUSA Nebraska board of directors, was a founder and still serves as a board member of the Nebraska Auto Racing Hall of Fame and serves on several state and local advisory councils.

Glenn earned his Bachelor's Degree in industrial education from Kearney State College and later earned his Master's Degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He taught auto mechanics at North Platte High School for 21 years.

SkillsUSA is a national partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA chapters help students who are preparing for careers in

technical, skilled and service occupations excel. More than 300,000 students and instructors are members.