

# NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## NEWS RELEASE

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### 19 WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHERS RECEIVE STAR AWARDS

Nineteen Nebraska world language teachers received the state's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual STAR Awards for demonstrating superior qualities in their dedication to students, outreach to the community and continual efforts for improvement.

The awards were presented at the Nebraska International Languages Association Fall Conference Awards Luncheon held at the University of Nebraska at Kearney on Oct. 10.

The four **STAR** areas—**S**tudy, **T**ravel, **A**chievement, and **R**ecognition—represent continued professional development, efforts to learn outside the classroom, striving to excel and showing leadership in organizations.

The following world language teachers were recognized by the Nebraska Department of Education and the Nebraska International Languages Association for exceeding professional expectations above and beyond the classroom:

\*Cyndi Berve, Papillion LaVista High School, Papillion  
Rita Blanco, Southern High School, Wymore  
Wendy Brennan, Millard North Middle School, Omaha  
Mitzi Delman, Westside High School, Omaha  
Pam Hoover, Millard South High School, Omaha  
Stephanie Iwan Flamme, Logan View High School, Hooper  
Nila Jacobson, Southwest High School, Lincoln  
Marlene Knobbe, Guardian Angels Elementary, West Point  
Candida Kraska, Millard West High School, Omaha  
Volker Langeheine, Millard North High School, Omaha  
Barbara Lund Irvin, Westside Middle School, Omaha  
\*Patricia McGill, Waverly High School, Waverly  
Barbara Menning, Hastings Senior High School, Hastings  
Linda Mieras, Orchard High School, Orchard  
Carolina Molina Martin, Blair High School, Blair  
Rochelle de Rodriguez, Harvard Public School, Harvard  
Jeffrey Sill, Central High School, Omaha  
Tricia Suchsland, Hastings Senior High School, Hastings  
Patricia Sulu, Scottsbluff High School, Scottsbluff

Recipients with an asterisk by their name also received a five-year pin representing five consecutive years of receiving a STAR Award.

To apply for the award, teachers must be a current world language educator in a Nebraska K-12 school or postsecondary institution, a member of the Nebraska International Languages Association, compile at least 125 points on their application form and write a brief essay describing how they have distinguished themselves as a language professional during the past year.