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EDUCATORS HONORED AT 43RD ANNUAL NEBRASKA CAREER EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Images from the award presentations are at the following link.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BzbGH03WpPQXVDVKejZLMmNhaWs>

The annual Nebraska Excellence in Career Education Awards and Nebraska Career and Technical Student Organizations' (CTSO) Advisors of the Year Awards were presented on June 7 and 8 in Kearney, Nebraska. The Nebraska Career Education Conference was attended by approximately 600 Nebraska Career Education teachers, school counselors, administrators, and CTE advocates.

The awards were co-sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Education and the Nebraska Career Education and Innovation Foundation (NCEIF).

The Excellence in Career Education Awards recognize outstanding Nebraska Career Education programs and outstanding partnerships with businesses and individuals. Recipients were nominated by Nebraska career educators from across the state.

This year's Excellence in Career Education Award recipients were:

- Elaine Stuhr Leadership and Advocacy Award – Senator Rick Kolowski
- Distinguished Partner – Linda Black, Nebraska Department of Economic Development
- Distinguished Partner – Meghan Bungler, Nebraska Medicine
- Distinguished Partner – Jim Walsh, Truck Center Companies
- Outstanding Business Partnership – Hudl

- Outstanding Career and Technical Education Administrative Leader – Dr. Robin Dester, Grand Island Public Schools
- Outstanding Middle School Program – Wisner Pilger Public Schools
- Outstanding High School Program – Scottsbluff High School
- Outstanding Rule 47 Career Academy – Millard Education Academy

The Career and Technical Student Organizations' Advisors of the Year Awards recognize CTSO advisors who impact the lives of CTSO members, develop leadership and employability skills in members, and manage or facilitate the Career Technical Student Organization with which they work. Each CTSO Advisor of the Year received a special award and a \$250 check recognizing their hard work and dedication to the members of their local chapter and on a statewide level.

This year's Advisors of the Year recipients were:

- Educators Rising – Susan Kvasnicka, Millard Education Academy
- FBLA – Tennille Allison, Kearney High School
- FCCLA – Michelle Galles, Wakefield High School
- FFA – Amy Tomlison, South Central Unified
- HOSA – Debra Ziegler, Ralston High School
- SkillsUSA – Jay Portenier, Sidney High School

More information can also be found at <http://nceconference.com/awards>.

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