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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS NEBRASKA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Amber Vlasnik, a math teacher at Lincoln High School, received the Nebraska 2017 Teacher of the Year award at the Teacher of the Year and Excellence in Teaching Awards Luncheon on November 3. State Board of Education members congratulated Vlasnik on her many accomplishments during a special recognition at the State Board meeting. The 2016 Nebraska Teacher of the Year, Tim Royers, also presented his year in review during the recognition.

Vlasnik was one of three finalists for Nebraska Teacher of the Year. The following teachers were finalists and were recognized as Awards of Excellence winners:

- Charla Brant of Longfellow Elementary in Hastings
- Kimberly Shevlin of Columbus Middle School in Columbus

Vlasnik has taught math at Lincoln High since 2011. Prior to that, she taught at Lincoln Southeast High School in Lincoln and Albright Middle School in Houston, Texas. In addition to her classroom experience, Vlasnik has served as the Lincoln High Math Department Chair since 2014.

The Nebraska Teacher of the Year Program has been in place since 1972 and affords an opportunity to honor dedicated teachers for excellence in classroom teaching. The Nebraska Department of Education coordinates events surrounding Teacher of the Year activities, working with the Nebraska State Education Association, Nebraska Association of School Boards, Nebraska Council of School Administrators, and Nebraska Parent-Teacher Association.

Vlasnik will participate in the National Teacher of the Year competition later this year.

APPROVAL OF CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CONTENT AREA STANDARDS

The State Board of Education approved Nebraska Career and Technical Education content standards in the areas of Communication and Information Systems, Education and Training, and Human Sciences/Family and Consumer Sciences. Although not required by Nebraska Statute, the revision of these content area standards provides a framework for ensuring quality teaching and learning in these Career and Technical Education areas.

**Communication and Information
Systems Content Area Standards**

**Education and Training Content Area
Standards**

**Human Sciences/Family and
Consumer Sciences Content Area
Standards**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on Friday, December 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Nebraska State Office Building. A work session will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

For detailed information about the work session or business meeting, visit www.education.ne.gov/StateBoard/Agendas.html.



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