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**NEBRASKA BUSINESS TEACHERS RECOGNIZED WITH B.E.S.T. AWARD**

The Nebraska Department of Education recognized 56 Nebraska business teachers at the Nebraska Career Education Conference held June 8, 2018 in Kearney.

Teachers whose professional activities influenced business and marketing education in Nebraska during the past year received B.E.S.T. — Belong, Excel, Study and Travel — Awards for their involvement in professional associations, community and school activities, professional leadership development and service to the business education profession.

B.E.S.T. Awards exemplify superior qualities, including dedication to students, community outreach, and continual classroom improvement efforts. The following individuals contributed significantly to the quality of education in their community and the state:

* 25-year award winner: Jean Condon, Mid-Plains Community College; Deb Wolken, Lincoln Northeast High School
* 20-year award winners: Lisa Hanson, Neligh-Oakdale High School;
* 10-year award winner: Cathy Nutt, Mid-Plains Community College
* First-year award winners: Alyse Andreasen, Wilber-Clatonia High School; Alexandra Fakinos, Lincoln East High School; Angie Palmer, Sumner-Eddyville-Miller High School; Shannon Quible, Lincoln North Star; Nanette Shackelford, Sandy Creek High School.

**Additional B.E.S.T. Award recipients:**

Tennille Allison of Kearney High School

Lori Anderson-Stowe of Lincoln East High School

Alyse Andreasen of Wilber-Clatonia High School

Janice Arent of Maywood High School

Alexandra Bastain, Raymond Central High School

Crystal Bolamperti of Westside Middle School

Brenda Budler of Chadron High School

Angie Chittick of Mid-Plains Community College

Jocelyn Crabtree of Lincoln Northeast High School

Liz Crabtree of Milford High School

Melissa Dux of Fairbury High School

Teresa Feick of Arlington High School

Lisa Fox of Dundy County Stratton High School

Dawn Friedrich of Wausa High School

Jodi Gehr of Lincoln Southeast High School

DeLayne Havlovic of Omaha Public Schools

Julie Hippen of Lincoln Public Schools

Julie Jensen of Aurora High School

Darci Karr of Hastings High School

Shawna Koger of Arlington High School

Dennis Krejci of Tri County High School

Janet Lear of University of Nebraska at Kearney

Kyleigh Lewis of, Dorchester High School

Kathleen McCune of Mid-Plains Community College

Matt Maw of Lincoln Southeast High School

Kelly Means of Omaha Public Schools

Renelle Mooney of McCook Community College

Shelly Mowinkel of Milford High School

Pat Olson of Blair High School

Jan Osborn of Sargent Public Schools

Peggy Parker of Dundy County Stratton High School

Laura Parks of Elkhorn Valley High School

Kim Pickering of Lincoln Mickle Middle School

Celeste Rogers of Sandhills High School

Wanda Samson, Metropolitan Community College-Fremont

Janet Stalder of McCook Community College

Janelle Stansberry of Cedar Bluffs High School

Debra Stroh of Gibbon High School

Jessica Thompson of Lincoln Southeast High School

Lindsay Tillinghast of Lincoln Southeast High School

Kari Tunink of Columbus High School

Susan Wellman of Syracuse-Avoca-Dunbar High School

Jan Went of Columbus Lakeview High School

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