

## **NASDCTEc 2009 Star of Education Award Winner Announced**

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Silver Spring, MD (April 8, 2009)—The National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium (NASDCTEc) has selected, based on their outstanding and extraordinary contributions to the field of career technical education, its 2009 Star of Education Awards winner.

NASDCTEc's annual Star of Education Awards are given to those who have helped raise the level of excellence in career technical education through their dedicated work, achievements as a student, business practices, or teaching abilities. The winner will be honored at a luncheon during the association's Spring Conference on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at the AED Conference Center in Washington, DC.

This year's winner, Mr. Carrol Burchinal, was nominated by Wayne Kutzer, State Director of North Dakota. Mr. Burchinal, former and longest-serving State Director from North Dakota, received the State Director Emeritus Award for his long, distinguished career of excellence within the career technical education community. Mr. Burchinal's record of success began in 1962 in Kansas where he worked as a Vocational Printing Instructor and a Local Administrator. As a State Director, Mr. Burchinal helped establish the Area Career and Technology Centers, which expanded the number of CTE programs available to students in North Dakota.

In congratulating the award winner on his hard work and achievements, NASDCTEc Executive Director Kimberly Green said: "What an honor it is to recognize Mr. Burchinal for his achievements and to be able to say 'thank you.' His service, as a dedicated public employee has made a positive difference in the lives of thousands of young people. He is a true inspiration."

Founded in 1920, the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium is the Washington DC-based professional society of the state and territory agency heads responsible for career technical education. The state directors are committed to leadership and results. The association has a growing membership of over 200 members who share the State Directors' commitment to quality education at the secondary, post secondary and adult levels.