



## Missouri ACTE 2005 Teacher of the Year ... Kathy Lynn Kagay

Combine a demanding, grueling career with a unique opportunity to enhance and influence lives and you have defined "teaching." Kathy Lynn

Kagay lives up to the definition, with the addition of boundless energy and creativity added for good measure. She has built her career around developing and teaching courses critical to everyday life, with a little "icing on the cake" thrown in for good measure. In addition to the standard Nutrition, Family Living, Child Development, Consumer Education and Health classes she has created for both her high school and junior high students in the Maysville School District, Kathy has created one called "Class Act Embroidery." This course was developed to meet student needs that Kathy recognized for both employment and job skills training. It has been a rousing success, providing students with the opportunity to learn computerized monogramming and embroidery techniques, not to mention exposure to the skills required of an entrepreneur. Maysville Chamber of Commerce President Bob Dungy said, "Kathy's students have proven to be such an asset in helping our local businesses. I would hire them on the spot!" Kathy was named "2003 Volunteer of the Year" by the Maysville Chamber. When the community needs help and support, they do not hesitate to call on Kathy and her students. Not only do her students recognize the dual responsibility of community and school, the community learns how critically important teachers are.

Kathy has been active in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Currently, her 110 students are involved in FCCLA Legislative Shadowing and STAR Events. She encourages them to run for state and national offices. Her students have lived up to her expectations, being elected to 20

regional, eight state and one national office, in addition to two national officer candidates. As an added bonus of her involvement with FCCLA, Kathy has learned from personal contacts and friendships, passing these experiences on to her students.

Demonstrating the value of her approach, Kathy encouraged her students to enter the new LifeSmarts competition which challenges high school teens in the areas of personal finance, health and safety, the environment, technology and consumer rights and responsibilities. In the first year that Missouri participated, Kathy's team achieved state championship status over 23 other state teams and was advanced to national competition in San Francisco in April. Kathy continues to be both delighted and amazed at the creativity of her students and recognizes the investment of what they have learned in her classes.

Kathy has put the BSE and MSE degrees she earned at Central Missouri State University to good use. Energy and enthusiasm go hand in hand with involvement in Kathy's life. She is an active member of Missouri ACTE, MoEFACS, ADK and an Advisor of FCCLA. She is the Co-Advisor of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is Chair of the Maysville CTA Salary/Welfare Committee. She has made numerous presentations about her Class Act Embroidery course, and helped attain Missouri Accreditation of Childcare programs at Maysville School District. For the past three years, Kathy has conducted a local Make a Difference Day with FCCLA members, completing several community service activities. An active member of Oak Christian Church, as well as the Missouri Farm Bureau and Beta Sigma Phi, Kathy Kagay makes a difference ... a great difference!

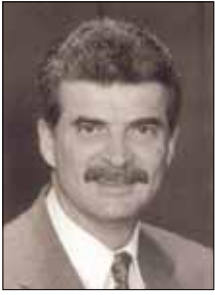


## 2005 Conference Keynote Speaker

Dr. Dale Henry grew up in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains. That area is bountiful in two things — hospitality and story-telling. Dr. Dale has been a teacher, principal, Dean of the oldest college in Tennessee, a businessman, author, and a speaker and trainer. Dale has been in customer service over half his life. His story-telling ability propelled him as a teacher. This, combined with his

customer service and unique ability to captivate audiences, has sky-rocketed Dale in his speaking career.

Since he began speaking just a few short years ago, corporate, government, and educational agencies call on Dr. Henry regularly to have him train their professionals. His client list is a virtual "Who's Who" of the top business and agencies in the nation. Dr. Henry is a master teacher in every aspect of the term!



## Missouri ACTE 2005 Outstanding Career and Technical Educator ... Al M. Babich

It takes a skilled and caring person to serve as Vocational Resource Educator, while focusing on the responsibilities demanded of Special Needs Coordinator. Al M. Babich has proven himself to fill the bill, investing himself in the profession he prepared for as a student at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, MO, earning an Ed.S., M.A. and B.A. He has put this training to good use for more than 30 years, currently as Vocational Resource Educator for the Northland Career Center where he counsels special needs and regular students; recruits students; serves as coordinator of the Learning Center and the At-Risk Center; directs the Evaluation Center; coordinates Standardized Testing, Integrating Academics, and Special Education Services; serves as liaison with High Schools and, in his spare time, coordinates special events and directs marketing and recruiting. What he does obviously works. In the past seven years, the drop-out rate decreased from 12% to 2.72%.

Al Babich skillfully invests in the professional organizations' resources at his disposal. He gives to them as much as he takes from them. For six years, he served on the Board of Directors of Kansas City Regional Professional Development. Since he understands the impact of legislation, he has focused on that component, serving ACTE as Legislative Chair-Elect, Chair and Past Chair between 2000-2005, following his service as Legislative Chair for ACTE Region III from 1998-2002. Earlier, he had been Legislative Chairperson for the Kansas City Council for Exceptional Children.

He has been supportive of education legislation in both the National Association of Vocational Special Needs Personnel (NAVESNP) and the Missouri Special Needs Association (MSNA), where he currently serves as Legislative Chair.

Recognizing the vital role of publications, he served three years as Chair-Elect and Chair for the Editorial and Publications Committee of the American Vocational Association (AVA), as well as being a member of the Editorial Journal Review Board of the NAVESNP from 1988 - 1998.

Al not only reads publications, he writes them. The bibliography of his work reveals not only his interest, but also his competence in the broad field he has chosen. From counseling techniques to assistance for parents coping with disabled children, his work has been published in the Kansas City Star, as well as publications of the Missouri School Counselor Association and professional journals.

Al's contributions do not end at school. He serves on the Kansas City Consensus Board of Directors as Youth Summit Co-Chair. St. Andrew the Apostle Parish has appreciated his help as School Accreditation Chair and his participation in the Engaged Couple Marriage Preparation program.

While the appreciation of Al Babich's peers is impressive, it can't hold a candle to a comment from one of his students," He knew what he was doing and why he was doing it. He was being what an educator should be: honest, caring, insightful, instructive and professional." Quite a compliment!

## 2005 Missouri ACTE Diversity Action Committee Award ... Jean Cole



As Director/Chairperson of the eight-region Missouri New Traditions Equity Coordinators, Jean Cole provides leadership, equities/diversity information and inspiration to local programs and coordinators.

Working in the name of equity throughout Missouri, she provides information, experience and resources to help

formulate and guide projects and activities related to equity and diversity. She provides workshops and school reviews which highlight diversity/equity and fairness within Missouri schools. In addition, she awards academic scholarships to single parents and non-traditional technical students. Jean Cole continually aligns her efforts with her heart.



## 2005 ACTE Outstanding Teacher in Community Service ... Tracey M. Newman

There are some people who instinctively sense what needs doing and they do it. Tracey M. Newman is one of those blessed folks we look to for both vision and accomplishment.

Tracy has motivated and inspired her students to identify projects which make a difference in the Ste. Genevieve community and has taught them practical skills so that they can achieve their goals. Some of these projects have become traditional, both in the school and in the community. The "Soup-er Bowl" Drive is one of these. Since it's beginning, class competition has provided 1,500 - 2,000 food items which are donated to the local food pantry to feed 80 - 100 families.

With Tracey as sponsor, the local FCCLA Chapter has become recognized as a local community service powerhouse. Her students consistently organize and participate in projects each month: Trick or Treat food collections; monthly activities for nursing home residents; and presentations for elementary students on a variety of subjects, including nutrition, fitness, dental hygiene, conflict-resolution, peer pressure, and even good manners. These projects provide

exceptional community service, while they teach students what it takes to make a difference.

Tracey has encouraged her students to find ways to make the FCCLA Chapter even more effective. The 133 members have divided themselves into teams, with competitions held at each monthly meeting. Each month brings a new project. One month they donated books to St. Louis Children's Hospital; at Christmas, they funded an Adopt-a-Family project; another month, they collected items which they sent to United States troops.

One of the most inspiring accomplishments of Tracey's students is their involvement in the American Cancer Society's "Relay 4 Life" which Tracey promoted. After an absence of three years, Relay 4 Life returned with the overwhelming support of the LCCLA students who raised \$34,000 to benefit cancer victims and research.

Tracey's investment in her students pays long-term dividends. In a letter of recommendation for Tracey, one former student wrote, "As she did with me, she asks young people to imagine the world they would like to see and then she challenges them to work hard and make it so." A higher compliment would be hard to find.

## A Few More Special Missouri ACTE Awards

### Certificate of Appreciation

**Ed Anderson**

**Quality Machine Works**

Appreciation of the importance of Career and Technical education is a character trait of Ed Anderson. As owner of Quality Machine Works in Salem, MO, Ed works closely with Rolla Technical Institute (RTI) to encourage RTI to keep current in the changing field. His generosity of time, materials and involvement is legendary. Both RTI and its students are lucky to have such a strong supporter.

### RECOGNITION

**Jerrilynn S. Voss**

**The Unterrified Democrat**

Career and Technical education has been a focal point for Jerrilynn Voss both professionally and personally. As publisher of The Unterrified Democrat, she has stressed school activities and featured vocational/technical student organizations. Her active and visible support includes both the secondary and post secondary level. Career and Technical education is blessed by her leadership

### CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

**Carol Gadbury**

**PCRMC Center Auxiliary**

Carol Gadbury, Nurse Recruiter for Phelps County Regional Medical Center (PCRMC), deserves both gratitude and acclaim for her support of the PCRMC Auxiliary. Among the services provided by the Auxiliary are scholarships and funding for major medical equipment. Carol has developed an area Nursing Coalition, an internship program. The impacts of her efforts are outstanding and far reaching.

# Missouri Legislators Making a Difference

## REP. MICHAEL CORCORAN



Representative Mike Corcoran participated in many long hours of work while serving on the legislative Joint Committee on Education and the House of Representatives Special Committee on Education funding where the complicated task of

drafting a new school funding formula was crafted. He has demonstrated his ability to work in a bipartisan manner to develop a new concept for school funding. While he strongly advocated for the needs of his suburban legislative district, he recognized the needs of rural and urban school districts and worked to strike a balance to create equity in funding for all students.

Rep. Michael George Corcoran, a Democrat, represents part of St. Louis County (District 77) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first term in November 2002. Rep. Corcoran is a fire protection sprinkler fitter with the Local 268 Union in St. Louis.

Rep. Corcoran is a former survey crew chief for James Engineering. He also served on the Board of Alderman for the City of St. Ann, from 1993 to 1996, where he served as budget chair. He has also served as Airport Township committeeman since 1996. Rep. Corcoran is a member of Holy Trinity Parish Catholic Church and the St. Louis County Central Committee.

Rep. Corcoran was awarded the 2004 Legislator of the Year by the Urban Public Safety and Workforce Development and received a Certificate of Appreciation in 2004 by North County Incorporated.

A 1981 graduate of Pattonville Senior High School, Rep. Corcoran attended Florissant Valley and St. Louis Community Colleges.

Born January 25, 1963, in St. Louis, Rep. Corcoran lives in St. Ann with his wife, Karen. They have two children: George M. Corcoran III and Patrick K. Corcoran.

## SENATOR GARY NODLER



Senator Nodler's extensive knowledge of federal government programs and economic policy development affords him the ability to add a valuable perspective to all state government decisions made by the Missouri legislature.

He serves as the Senate Education Committee Chair and as Vice-Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee where he has demonstrated his support for developing a skilled workforce through education. His colleagues recognize him as a respected resource and have elected him to a leadership position within the Missouri Senate where he serves as Assistant Majority Floor Leader.

In November of 2002, Gary Nodler won election as a Republican to the Missouri Senate, representing the 32nd District, which includes Dade, Jasper and Newton counties.

As president and owner of SoMo Cable, Inc., Senator Nodler built and operated the cable television system in Seneca, Mo. He also owned and operated a consulting business that worked with Midwest Paging Systems, Lucky Strike Fishing Lures, Hookup Corp. and Leggett and Platt.

President Bush appointed Senator Nodler to serve as Regional Administrator for the United States Small Business Administration in 1989, a post he held until Bush left office in January of 1993.

Born on Aug. 10, 1950, Senator Nodler grew up in Neosho, Mo., and graduated from Neosho High School in 1968. He graduated from Missouri Southern State University in 1972 with a B.A. in Political Science.

Gary Nodler has been married to the former Joncee Edwards of Neosho since 1974. They have a son, Justin, and a granddaughter, Rachel. The Nodlers reside in Joplin