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## Congratulations ACTEN Award Winners



Virginia Whidden, St Edward Public Schools was selected as the Outstanding Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher. She was also recognized as the Outstanding Career and Technical Education Teacher of the year for 2009.

Bonnie Malcolm, Lincoln North Star High School, was named the Outstanding Business Education teacher.



Mike Roeber, Northeast Community College was named the Outstanding Agricultural Education.

Rhonda Jindra, Educational Service Unit #1 was the recipient of the ACTEN Outstanding Service Award



Jean Brown, Career Education Coordinator for Papillion-LaVista Public Schools received the Elaine Stuhr Leadership and Advocacy Lifetime Achievement Award. Also pictured is award presenter Dean Folkers of the Nebraska Department of Education

More awards winners on page 2

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## More Award Winners

Also honored as **Distinguished Partners** by Nebraska Career Education are Jessica Kolterman, State Affairs Assistant for Nebraska Farm Bureau; The Honorable Senator Arnie Stuthman, Nebraska State Senator, District #22; and Linda Lichtenberg, President for Lincoln Machine.

The **Business/Industry Partners** recognized by Nebraska Career Education for their contributions to Career Education are Home Builders Association of Lincoln; Hy-Vee, Papillion, Nebraska; Nebraska 4-H, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Cooperative Extension; and Nebraska Farm Bureau, Lincoln.

The **Outstanding Career Education Programs** recognized by Nebraska Career Education for 2009 are Blair High School Career and Technical Education; Omaha Bryan High School Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics (TDL) Program; Lincoln Public Schools – Entrepreneurship Focus Program (EFP); Mid-Plains Community College Career Services Outreach Career Education Programs, North Platte, Nebraska; and Omaha Public Schools Nathan Hale Middle School Career Education Program.

## 2010 ACTEN Awards Program

The ACTEN Awards Program seeks to promote excellence in career and technical education by recognizing members who have made significant contributions to their field and/or have organized or participated in activities to promote and expand CTE programs in Nebraska.

There are seven categories of ACTEN awards:

- Outstanding Service Award
- Outstanding Member Award
- Outstanding Teacher/Divisional
- Teacher of the Year (from Divisional winners)
- Outstanding Career and Technical Educator
- Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher
- Outstanding Teacher in Community Service

Nominations must be received at the ACTEN Office (electronically or postmarked) by **March 1, 2010**. Awards will be judged and awarded from the nominations received by the deadline. Nominations submitted for an award and not meeting the criteria set forward in the respective brochure will not be judged. All 2010 awards will be presented in June 2010 during the NCE Conference in Kearney, Nebraska.

Those selected for Teacher of the Year, Outstanding New CTE Teacher, Outstanding CTE Professional and Outstanding Teacher in Community Service will be eligible to compete in the ACTE Region V Competition in 2011. The Outstanding Service recipient will be eligible to compete in the ACTE awards competition without competing in the Region V competition.

Detailed information about the ACTEN Awards Program for 2010, application procedures and application forms will be posted later this fall on the Nebraska State Association page of ACTE's website ([www.acteonline.org](http://www.acteonline.org)). Members will receive an e-blast message from ACTE with a link to the ACTEN award information once it has been posted.

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# CEFN's 1<sup>st</sup> Scholarship Fund Golf Scramble – A Success!

The Career Education Foundation of Nebraska (CEFN) hosted their first Scholarship Fund Golf Scramble on June 13<sup>th</sup> at Country Shadows Golf Course in Columbus. The weather was beautiful - sunny, breezy and cool. Twenty-seven golfers participated in the scramble and competed in pin contests at each of the nine holes.

During lunch CEFN President Richard Campbell thanked Mr. & Mrs. Reinhardt, owners of Country Shadows Golf Course, for allowing CEFN the use of the golf course and clubhouse, their assistance in organizing the golf scramble, and providing a delicious lunch. Mrs. Elda Reinhardt serves on the CEFN Board of Directors. Mr. Campbell also thanked past CEFN Board member Doris Lux for driving the refreshment cart.

Mr. Campbell then recognized each of the golf scramble sponsors and presented a certificate of appreciation to sponsors who were in attendance. Without the generous support of our sponsors, the Scholarship Fund Golf Scramble could not have taken place. Many thanks to the following sponsors: West Point Implement & Design, Central Community College Foundation, Nebraska State Business Educators Association (NSBEA), Family & Consumer Sciences Teachers of Nebraska (FCSTN), Nebraska Industrial Technology Educators Association (NITEA), Nebraska Agricultural Educators Association (NAEA), Workforce Experience Education Association of Nebraska (WEEAN), Richard & Sharon Katt, Richard & Linda Campbell, and Bill & Lila Kulwicki.

The hole-contest winners were announced and they selected their prize from a nice assortment of donated items. Names were drawn from a hat for the remaining prizes. A team from the Columbus area (Gerry and Dillan Brezinsky, Ken Knapp and John Martin) won the golf scramble and received a \$100 cash prize. Mr. Campbell thanked the golfers for participating and invited them to come back next year.

We were pleased that two of this year's five scholarship recipients, Meshelle Urban and Jackie Cech, and their parents were able to join us for lunch. Mr. Campbell introduced both young ladies and presented their scholarship certificates. It was a very good day!

		
<p>Dick Campbell, CEFN President greets participants as they register</p>	<p>NSBEA team members enjoying the morning. (Left to Right: Murleen Bellinger, Waverly; John Schultz, Omaha; DeLayne Havlovic, Omaha; and Mona Schoenrock, Columbus)</p>	<p>Doris Lux (CEFN Volunteer) and Elda Reinhardt (CEFN Treasurer) are hard at work making the event the success it was</p>
		



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## Shelton FCCLA Joins the Fight Against Cancer

Shelton FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) joined the nationwide fight against cancer by hosting The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Event at the Shelton High School track Friday, May 29 to Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. The Shelton Relay for Life Event raised \$6,430 for cancer research! FCCLA members, cancer survivors, parents and community members walked the Shelton High School Track for twelve hours from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. proving that cancer does not sleep, so neither do we! FCCLA members, local cancer survivors, parents and community members were treated to a free-will donation BBQ served by the Shelton Booster Club, entertainment by Complete Music of Kearney and prizes donated by the American Cancer Society during the event. Former Shelton FCCLA Chapter President and cancer survivor Jordin Lockwood served as the event's emcee.

Local Shelton residents and cancer survivors started the night with the traditional survivor lap. Those survivors included: Gloria Hanna, Tami Young, Russ Muhlbach, Jordin Lockwood, Joan Meyer, Cindy Moninger, Gerald Murray, Lois Ruyle, Robert Sorensen, Geraldine Sorensen and Kristi Spellman. Following the survivor lap, caregivers and team members joined the survivors officially kicking off the night's events.

FCCLA members sold luminaries (paper bags filled with sand and a tea light candle) in memory of those who lost their fight to cancer and in honor of cancer survivors. The Shelton High School track was lined with 302 luminaries that provided participants with a constant reminder of the fight against cancer. Luminaries were filled with sand donated from Bruner Sand and Gravel. They were distributed around the track by Shelton Girl Scouts and Brenda and Cory Austin.

In 2006, National FCCLA selected Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society as a nationwide community service project. Since that time FCCLA Chapters across the country have hosted Relay for Life Events to raise money for cancer research. Shelton FCCLA Chapters members have been busy planning the event and fundraising since early February.

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## Elkhorn FCCLA Chapter Raises Funds to Help Abused Youth

During FCCLA Week, the Elkhorn FCCLA Chapter coordinated a school wide coin drive for Project Harmony - a center helping abused youth in the Omaha Metro Area.

The group raised \$700.00 which was used to purchase a portable microphone system to be used in training sessions and community awareness programs.

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## Crofton FCCLA Students Travel Abroad

Two members of the Crofton FCCLA Chapter were awarded full scholarships for the FCCLA Japanese Exchange program sponsored by the Kikkoman Foundation. Amanda Janssen and Sara Kohles, of Crofton, spent six weeks this summer in Japan.

While there, they attended Japanese schools, viewed historical venues, and experienced many facets of the Japanese culture. There were 14 students nationwide to receive this honor.

Sara and Amanda represented the state of Nebraska in this capacity. Congratulations to them on this valuable achievement.



# Nebraska Insurance Education Institute

On July 13 and 14, Nebraska educators gathered in Omaha at the Federal Reserve Bank to learn how to integrate insurance instruction into their curricula. Sponsored by the Griffith Foundation for Insurance Education, Nebraska Financial Education Coalition, Partnerships for Innovation, Nebraska Department of Education and the Federal Reserve Bank, the institute was the culminating activity for an online three credit graduate course in insurance offered through the University of Central Arkansas.

Forty-four middle-level, secondary and postsecondary business, marketing, math and family consumer and science teachers from across the state were actively engaged in learning new content, active learning strategies and heard from insurance professionals through a field trip to BCBS. All 44 participants earned insurance industry certification by passing a 100-question multiple choice test.

Lori Harding of Wakefield Public Schools was recognized as the John C. Etling Scholarship winner for demonstrating excellence in the program. Lori received \$750 and an additional \$250 to purchase materials or equipment of her choice in her business department.

Duane Siebler, Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, shared the following comment after watching the Insurance Institute in action: "Insurance is an important and thriving industry in the Greater Omaha Area. As such, the need for a knowledgeable, well-educated workforce to fill a wide variety of insurance-related careers is ongoing. That's why the Insurance Education Institute is such an outstanding program. It helps support this need by establishing educational programs that reach high school students before they enter the workforce. It's a win-win situation. The students are prepared for career opportunities in the insurance field and those opportunities are readily available when they graduate from high school or college, depending on the career path they choose."

The need for encouraging students to enter the insurance industry is great, according to a 2008 survey by Insurity/Microsoft Millennials. The survey showed that nearly 60 percent of industry employees are older than 45. Between now and 2014, the U.S. property-casualty industry must fill about 100,000 underwriting and claims positions. Midsized, independent agencies will likely be most affected. The Nebraska labor market anticipated a 38 percent growth in financial activities between 2002 and 2018, which included the insurance industry. The Institute helped Nebraska teachers become more aware of the career education possibilities for Nebraska students and provided them with the knowledge and resources to better teach insurance education in a wide variety of courses.

The Griffith Foundation for Insurance Education covered the tuitions fees for participants and the traveling expenses for out-of-state presenters that included Tena Crews, University of South Carolina; Dr. Victor Puleo, class instructor from University of Central Arkansas; Jennifer Robinson, Project InVEST; and Raelyne Massey, a high school teacher from Arkansas.

Nebraska's PFI (Partnership for Innovations) reimbursed mileage for educators who traveled a significant distance. Participants came from all parts of Nebraska—Gordon, Burwell, Sargent, Ord, Cambridge, Holdrege, Newcastle, Creighton, Shelton, Friend, Hastings, and many from the Lincoln/Omaha area. The Federal Reserve Bank provided the facility and onsite meals for workshop participants and the Griffith Foundation covered the participants' tuition costs and out-of-state speakers expenses.

To learn more about the [Insurance Education Institute](#), visit the Insurance link in the Curriculum section of the BMIT web site. You'll find web links that include lesson plans for teaching all forms of insurance. The website address is <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/BMIT/Curriculum/IEI.htm>.

Tentative plans include offering the Insurance Education Institute in future years.



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# CEFN Awards Scholarships to Five Students

The Career Education Foundation of Nebraska (CEFN) has awarded scholarships to five secondary career education students. Scholarship recipients were recognized during the General Session at the Nebraska Career Education Conference on June 11, 2009, in Kearney. Students selected to receive scholarships include:

Meshelle Urban, recent graduate of Twin River High School in Genoa, received an Outstanding Secondary Career and Technical Education Student Award. Meshelle plans to use her \$1,000 scholarship to pursue a degree in Business Administration at Central Community College in Columbus.

Justin Schultis, recent graduate of Fairbury High School, also received an Outstanding Secondary Career and Technical Education Student Award. Justin plans to use his \$1,000 scholarship to pursue a business degree at Southeast Community College in Beatrice.

Jackie Cech, recent graduate of Howells Public Schools, received the Outstanding Secondary Special Populations Career and Technical Education Student Award. Jackie plans to use her \$1,000 scholarship at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln.

Chelsey Whyrick, recent graduate of Lincoln High School, received the New CTE Teacher of the Year scholarship. Chelsey plans to use her \$500 scholarship to pursue an elementary teaching degree at Wayne State College.

Kelby Sudbeck, recent graduate of Cedar Catholic High School, received the Teacher of the Year scholarship. Kelby plans to use his \$500 scholarship to pursue a degree from the AG College at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

The Career Education Foundation of Nebraska is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is to award scholarships to Nebraska secondary career education students who plan to continue their career and technical education at a Nebraska postsecondary institution.

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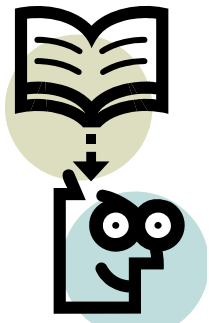
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# TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR FINANCES

By: **Bonnie Malcolm, NSBEA President**

The Nebraska State Business Education Association (NSBEA) Fall Leadership Conference will be October 10, 2009 at North Star High School in Lincoln. Registration and continental breakfast will be from 8:00 to 8:30. The theme for this year's conference is "TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR FINANCES". Now that the recession is affecting the economy in our state, we must continue to show students how to become responsible citizens. The conference will present separate curriculums for the middle and high school teachers.

Wells Fargo will present their free updated (2008) curriculum CD, "Hands on Banking" which covers all the basics of smart money management. The curriculum is designed for four age groups: Adults, Young Adults (ages 15-21) Teens (grades 6-8) and Kids (grades 4 and 5). "Hands on Banking" is an easy and enjoyable way to teach and learn the essentials of financial education: the basics of bank services, the importance of saving, smart money management, using credit responsibly, investing, wealth building, and more. "Hands on Banking" is designed for both self-paced, individual learning and classroom use.

Carol Andringa, Career & Technical Education Specialist will present the Family Economics & Financial Education program "Take Charge of Your Finances". Carol spent a week in June becoming a trainer in this curriculum. The mission of this curriculum is to provide educators with no-cost materials and the skills and confidence to effectively teach economics and finance to their students. There are over 100 ready to teach lesson plans which contain the following:

- Recommended grade level
- Time required to teach lesson identified
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Registration form can be found on the NSBEA website,  
<http://nsbea.tripod.com/conferences.htm>.

# News from NAEA

By Kristyn Harms, NAEA President

The Nebraska Agricultural Education Association Summer Conference kicked off a new year for the NAEA by conducting business meetings, committee meetings, professional workshops, and networking opportunities with other curriculum leaders in attendance at the 2009 Nebraska Career Education Conference held June 9-12 in Kearney. The NCE Conference served as a great setting to meet new teachers entering the profession as well as reacquaint with old friends. Currently, NAEA membership is at 114 active members with our lifetime membership continuing to expand each year. Eight new teachers throughout the state of Nebraska have also invested in their professional future by becoming active NAEA members for 2009-2010.

The NAEA celebrated another successful year of professional development, leadership, and strategic planning by hosting their annual banquet on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The banquet allowed our members to bid a fond farewell to two retirees. Those retirees are Dennis Bazata (Randolf) and Gerald Sundquist (Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture).

During the banquet, members were also honored for their commitment and dedication to the students as well as their programs. Brad Andreasen of Twin River High School was selected as the Outstanding Young Member of the NAEA, and Dave Barnard of Superior High School was named the Outstanding Mentor.

The Outstanding Cooperation Award was presented to the Nebraska Farm Bureau for their continuous support and dedication to agricultural education. In addition, Tonya Mortensen of Medicine Valley will represent the NAEA as the Teachers Turn The Key recipient.

Other business conducted during the NCE conference found Kristyn Harms of Norris High School stepping in to lead the organization following a remarkable year of leadership by Monty Larsen of Stuart High School. D.J. Mottl of East Butler High School will serve our profession as President-elect for the upcoming year, with Fritz Steinhoff serving as Secretary/Treasurer. Other members of the executive board are Mark Bloss (Pawnee City), Matt Kreifels (Blair), Mark Schroeder (Wisner-Pilger), Richard Eisenhauer (Bloomfield), Robyn Graham (Humphrey), Joel Miller (Hampton), Kurt VanDeWalle (Fillmore Central), Doug Straight (Shickley), Boyd Bowder (S-E-M), Ann Dvorak (Rock County), Katy Snyder (Hayes Center), Tim Nollette (Cody-Kilgore), Teri Jo Bek (NCTA), Lloyd Bell, Ex-Officio (UNL), Donelle Johnson, Ex-Officio (NDE) and our Executive Director, Lyle Hermance.

During the NCE conference, progress on the Leadership Academy was discussed, with applications for the first class accepted in the summer of 2009. A special committee was also formed to research and plan for future summer NAEA conferences, with Kevin Anderson appointed as chair of the committee.

In addition to NCE conference, the NAEA hosted the Region III National Association of Agricultural Educators summer conference in Valentine, Nebraska, June 16-18, 2009. Agricultural Educators from North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa met in Valentine to develop leadership, network, and discuss classroom strategies, as well as promote awareness for all CTE areas within the region. Special thanks go out to Monty Larsen for coordinating an excellent conference.

Other events on the horizon for the NAEA include:

- Board meeting in Lincoln at the State Fair on September 5.
- Board meeting in Grand Island on November 6.
- NAAE and ACTE Conventions in Nashville, Tennessee, from November 17-21.

## CEFN Scholarship and Grant Program

The Career Education Foundation of Nebraska provides scholarships to Nebraska's secondary career and technical education students to continue their education at a Nebraska postsecondary institution. Grants are also available for Nebraska career and technical education teachers who wish to upgrade their teaching skills. Application forms for 2010 CEFN scholarships and grants will be posted on the Nebraska State Association page on ACTE's website ([www.acteonline.org](http://www.acteonline.org)) later this fall. The deadline to apply for a grant or scholarship is March 15, 2010.



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