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**WA-ACTE HONORS STATE AWARD WINNERS**

**OLYMPIA WA – The Washington Association for Career and Technical Education (WA-ACTE) announces the Association’s award winners for 2007. The recipients received their awards at the WA-ACTE Summer Conference awards banquet on August 12 in Yakima, Washington.**

**Michael C. Smith - Ed Erickson Career and Technical Teacher of the Year**

*Mike is a Vocational (CTE) Agriculture teacher at Ferndale High School in the Ferndale School District. Mike teaches Agriculture/Horticulture, Leadership, and Environmental Science.*

This award recognizes teachers who are providing outstanding Career and Technical Education programs for youth and/or adults in their respective fields and communities. Recipients of this award must have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique, and novel programs that are serving to improve and promote Career and Technical Education.

**Roberta Krause - Hall of Fame**

*Roberta was a Home & Family Life teacher from 1969 to 1982 in the Bellevue School District, Vocational Education Program Leader and Assistant to the Vocational Director from 1982 to 1993 in the Bellevue School District, Vocational Education Program Leader and Assistant to the Vocational Director from 1993 to 2000 in the Highline School District, and has been retired since 2000. Roberta is a Past President of WA-ACTE (formerly WVA) and served as President for 1991-1992.*

This award recognizes the contributions and distinguished accomplishments of those persons who have been identified with the work and purposes of the Washington Association for Career and Technical Education. The Hall of Fame is a means by which WA-ACTE provides recognition for the commitment and dedication that individuals may have demonstrated to the organization.

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### **Paulette Fink - Distinguished Service Award**

*Paulette is the recently retired Director of Career and Technical Education at Deer Park High School in the Deer Park School District. Paulette also served on the State CTE advisory committee and the State WBL committee.*

This award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding meritorious contributions of state or national significance to the improvement, promotion, development, and progress of Career and Technical Education.

### **Kevin Plambeck - Outstanding Career and Technical Educator**

*Kevin is the Career and Technical Education Program Administrator at Stanwood High School in the Stanwood-Camano School District. Kevin promotes Career and Technical Education throughout the district at all levels and assists with the implementation, maintenance, and improvement of instruction in programs of Career and Technical Education.*

This award recognizes career and technical educators, other than full-time classroom/laboratory teachers, who have recently provided or currently are providing significant contributions to professional associations and Career and Technical Education programs for youth and/or adults in their fields, communities, and/or state. Recipients of this award must have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique, and novel programs; and/or improvement, promotion, research, or development of programs of Career and Technical Education.

### **Matt Lawrence - Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher**

*Matt teaches Media Issues and TV Production at Ballard High School in the Seattle School District in. Matt teaches the students in his class to learn techniques of media analysis and creation, enabling them to understand and produce a variety of media messages.*

This award is meant to encourage new teachers to remain in the profession. Recipients of this award must have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique, and novel programs and have shown a professional commitment early in their careers.

### **Eileen Wascisin - Outstanding Service Award**

*Eileen is the Department Chair for Business Communications, DigiTools, Accounting I, and Introduction to Business at Lynden High School in the Lynden School District. Eileen is also a Past President of the Washington State Business Education Association (WSBEA), WBITE Representative, and WBITE Secretary.*

This award recognizes educators who have made the highest meritorious contributions to the improvement, promotion, development, and progress of Career and Technical Education.

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**Gregg Meyers - Program Award for Excellence in Teaching**

*Gregg is a CTE Woods/Construction Trades teacher at Mount Si High School in the Snoqualmie Valley School District. Gregg teaches beginning woods, advanced woods, construction technology/trades, engineering and design, architectural design, and metals/welding.*

This award recognizes programs in Career and Technical Education that exemplify the highest standards of excellence for career preparation as determined by the WA-ACTE Awards Committee.

**Julie Sayers - Support Staff Award**

*Julie is the Career and Technical Education Support Secretary for the Central Kitsap School District in Silverdale. Julie provides support and assistance to the Program Secretary and Director of Career and Technical Education.*

This award recognizes individuals who have exhibited excellence in their work in a support staff position.

**Debra Grigg - Award of Merit**

*Debra is the Director of Classifieds for Sound Publishing in Poulsbo.*

This award recognizes individuals or organizations outside the field of Career and Technical Education for the highest meritorious contributions to the improvement, promotion, development, and progress of Career and Technical Education.

**The Washington Association for Career and Technical Education is the state professional association for the field of Career and Technical Education. Now in its 61<sup>st</sup> year, WA-ACTE's membership numbers more than 1,500 teachers, counselors, and administrators at the middle school, high school, and postsecondary levels.**

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