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MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HONORS EXCELLENCE IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

TOP SECONDARY AND POSTSECONDARY PROGRAMS RECOGNIZED

BALTIMORE, MD (April 23, 2013) – The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) today will honor outstanding performance in secondary and postsecondary Career and Technology Education (CTE) at the *2013 Awards of Excellence* at the Sheraton Baltimore City Center Hotel. The event gets underway at 5 p.m.

Speakers and award presenters include State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Lillian M. Lowery and Assistant State Superintendent for Career and College Readiness Katharine Oliver, with Dr. Mary Finan, Maryland State Board of Education, serving as master of ceremonies.

Maryland's Career and Technology Education *Awards of Excellence* program is sponsored by MSDE. The annual event recognizes outstanding programs, student organizations, change agents, business partnerships, distinguished service, and national award winners.

This year's award winners are:

- Outstanding Business Partnership – Secondary – Building Trades Foundation, Partnership with St. Mary's County Public Schools
- Outstanding Business Partnership – Post Secondary – Maryland Live!, Partnership with Anne Arundel Community College
- Reaching The Goals Award – Secondary – Office of Learning To Work, Baltimore City Public Schools
- Reaching The Goals Award – Post Secondary – College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Maryland
- Outstanding Career and Technology Education Program – Secondary – Project Lead The Way Bioscience Program, Frederick County Career and Technology Center
- Outstanding Career and Technology Education Program – Postsecondary – Nuclear Medicine Program, Frederick Community College

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- Outstanding Change Agent – Secondary – Fire and Rescue Academy Advisory Board, Washington County Public Schools
- Outstanding Change Agent – Postsecondary – Amy Gumaer, Grants Manager, Business Development and Grants Montgomery College
- Outstanding CTSO Partner – Dennis Peaton, SkillsUSA Maryland
- Outstanding Career Technology Student Organization – FFA, Northern Garrett High School, Garrett County Public Schools
- Distinguished Service Award – Secondary – Marjorie Lohnes, Supervisor of Career and Technology Education, Carroll County Public Schools
- Distinguished Service Award – Postsecondary – Deborah Mercado, Director, Office of Sponsored Programs, Anne Arundel Community College

Outstanding CTE programs at the high school and community college levels are judged in four areas: program description, learner outcomes, program outcomes, and integration with systemic reform. The change agent award recognizes leadership for innovative change in CTE programs and focuses on goals of change, the change process, and overall results. The CTE career technology student organization award honors one local chapter of a CTE student leadership organization for providing growth opportunities to its members and emphasizing educational and career development of chapter members as a result of participation in the organization's activities.

The business partnerships award is presented to a business that has established a strong working partnership with a secondary or postsecondary institution in order to support, promote, and improve CTE programs. The results of this partnership benefit the school, community, and business. The distinguished service award honors individuals who have demonstrated a high level of leadership, vision, and achievement in career and technology education. The Innovations in CTE award honors individuals using innovative future-focused strategies that keep CTE on the cutting edge.

For more information on individuals or groups receiving awards or to contact winners, please call Patricia M. Mikos, Division of Career and College Readiness, MSDE, at 410-767-0186.

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