



## PRESS RELEASE

# 2018 Montana Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year



Casey Lunceford, Agricultural Education teacher at Ronan High School, has been awarded the 2018 Montana Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year. The award was presented at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center, Billings, Montana, on October 19 at the Awards Luncheon during the Annual Montana ACTE Fall Institute.

Mr. Lunceford has made it his goal to teach his students to understand that they are learning things that can be used in industry and the opportunities available to them when school is finished. He has had numerous students excel in FFA, competing at nationals, earning proficiency awards, state officers and even a national officer candidate. While he is proud of their accomplishments, he is particularly proud of the members that have excelled after they leave the blue jacket behind. Bill Jimmerson, past Montana State FFA Advisor says of Casey “In his career at Sweet Grass County High School, he has produced students with the skills that employers need. They are hard-working kids with extraordinary leadership potential.”

The Teacher of the Year program is to recognize career and technical educators 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 states. 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.

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## 2018 Montana Career and Technical Education New Teacher of the Year



The Montana Association for Career and Technical Education would like to announce that Adele Stenson, Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at Wibaux Public Schools, has been selected as the 2018 Montana Career and Technical Education New Teacher of the Year.

This year the Agriculture teacher at Wibaux and Mrs. Stenson are team teaching a leadership class with 1/3 of the entire high school enrolled.

Kirsten Johnson, a junior at Wibaux has this to say about Mrs. Stenson, “Mrs. Stenson is an active leader in my life. She is kind, compassionate, confident, and honest. I will always use her as an example of a great teacher and role model.”

The New Teacher of the Year Program is to recognize individuals who are currently employed as full-time classroom/laboratory teachers in a career and technical education program. Nominees must have taught for a minimum of three but not more than five years.

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## 2018 Montana Career and Technical Education Carl Perkins Community Service Award.



The Montana Association for Career and Technical Education would like to announce that Edie Vogel, Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at Shepherd Public Schools, has been selected as the 2018 Montana Career and Technical Education Carl Perkins Community Service Award.

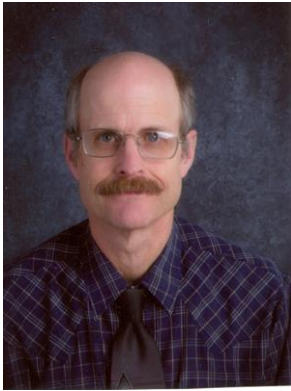
Ms. Vogel has been instrumental in creating a backpack food program for students, larger food boxes for longer breaks, a school wide food drive, collections of clothing, toys and gifts for Operation Christmas Child, a Cinema Drive assembly for grades 6-12 and collecting items for the local women's and family shelter. Shepherd High School principal, K. J. Poepping says "Edith has instilled within

her FCCLA Chapter participants that 'service to others, before one's self.'"

The Community Service Award is presented to ACTE members who have used CTE to make a significant impact on a community/humanitarian cause through leadership in programs and activities that promote community involvement. This award was named in honor of the late Congressman Perkins and is designed to recognize individuals who have demonstrated the same humanitarian concerns exemplified by Congressman Perkins.

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## 2018 Montana Career and Technical Education Lifetime Achievement Award.



The Montana Association for Career and Technical Education would like to announce that Marshall Williams, Agricultural Education teacher at Powder River County High School, has been selected as the 2018 Montana Career and Technical Education Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Williams has been a member of ACTE for his entire 39 years of his teaching career.

Throughout his career Marshall Williams has worked to improve the teaching environment at his school. Whether he is working with teachers, administrators, or local business, his goal is to help his students receive the best educational experience to insure their future success. Powder River High School Superintendent Jim Hansen says that “Mr. Williams continually gives his time to benefit students.”

The ACTE Lifetime Achievement award recognizes CTE professionals for their leadership on behalf of ACTE, their innovations in CTE and their contributions to the field over an extended period of time.

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## 2018 Montana Career and Technical Education Administrator of the Year



The Montana Association for Career and Technical Education would like to announce that Dustin Sturm, Superintendent at Absarokee High School, has been selected as the 2018 Montana Career and Technical Education Administrator of the Year.

Mr. Sturm has been instrumental in securing funding for several CTE class projects and has been an advocate and assistant instructor for some adult education courses, which focus on CTE skills. He worked with Absarokee's local vocational advisory council to secure financial support for the CTSO organizations. Agriculture Education instructor Tim Zumbrun says that "our school enjoys the benefit of monetary support from our local community foundation, due to the influence and strategic vision of Mr. Sturm."

The ACTE Administrator of the Year Award recognizes administrative CTE professionals at the school, district, county, state or federal level who have demonstrated leadership in ensuring teacher and student success and have made significant contributions toward innovative, unique and effective career and technical education programs.

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