

**Career and Technology Education  
2009 Awards of Excellence**

**CRITERIA FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS**

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION (CTE)  
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS**

These awards recognize teachers in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) who exemplify excellence in CTE. Award recipients are facilitators of learning and practice exemplary strategies in the classroom. An exemplary teacher:

- ❖ holds professional certification in program area and has at least three years of successful teaching experience;
- ❖ adapts curriculum and provides opportunities to meet the varying needs of all students and provides rigor for all;
- ❖ utilizes business and community resources to enhance the instructional program;
- ❖ uses instructional strategies that reinforce and foster success for every student;
- ❖ collaborates with core curriculum teachers to provide interdisciplinary learning;
- ❖ participates in a variety of professional growth activities as they relate to CTE career pathway programs;
- ❖ utilizes professional development opportunities such as local, state, and national meetings/conferences for professional growth;
- ❖ integrates blended instruction and career exploration/planning;
- ❖ utilizes community and business resources in the pursuit of quality opportunities for students; and
- ❖ uses features of CTE career pathway programs as a framework for continuous improvement.

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FORM FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADER**

This award of excellence will be presented to the educational leader who supports and promotes CTE pathway programs. The educational leader:

- ❖ actively implements CTE pathway programs;
- ❖ works and plans collaboratively with the CTE teachers;
- ❖ contributes to the professional development of all teachers;
- ❖ supports the integration of academic and career concepts in all disciplines;
- ❖ utilizes features of CTE career pathway programs as a framework for school reform; and
- ❖ inspires others to participate in activities that make connections across content areas.

**AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FORM FOR BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

The award of excellence will be presented to the business partnership that supports CTE in MCPS. The award recipient demonstrates support through:

- ❖ contributing time, knowledge, data and statistics, financial resources, and other resources;
- ❖ providing career awareness, career exploration, and experiences such as guest speakers, career shadowing, paid and unpaid internship experiences;
- ❖ participating in the development and delivery of CTE curriculum;
- ❖ serving on a career development program advisory committee; and
- ❖ providing professional development opportunities for MCPS staff.

All nominations are due to Mrs. Mary Yeates, Oak Grove Facility, 2096 Gaither Road, Suite 101, Rockville, MD 20850 by Wednesday, March 27, 2009.