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Autry Technology Center Awarded at OKACTE Summit 2020

ENID, Okla. – Several Autry Technology Center employees were honored by the Association for Career and Technical Education at the 53rd Annual Career and Technology Education Summit held virtually on Aug. 4-5, 2020.

“We have experienced a challenging year to say the least, but I am extremely proud of our team for continuing to perform at a high level,” said Superintendent/CEO Brady McCullough. “It is always a good feeling to be recognized among our peers across the state!”

Superintendent/CEO Brady McCullough was named the Francis Tuttle Award winner. This award is to recognize a CareerTech educator who has made outstanding contributions that are of state and/or national significance. These contributions should be aimed toward the improvement, promotion, development and progress of CareerTech education. This award was established in 1985 in honor of Dr. Francis Tuttle, former State Director of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education. It is designed to honor individuals whose careers exemplify a similar dedication to the development of people through CareerTech education. This is the Oklahoma ACTE’s highest honor and, as such, will be given only to individuals whose contributions have been of state or national significance

Chief Financial Officer Diane Durham earned the Lifetime Achievement Award. This 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.

Computer-Aided Drafting & Design Instructor Todd Anderson was a finalist for the Teacher of the Year Award. This award recognizes the finest career and technical teachers at the middle/secondary school level who have demonstrated innovation in the classroom, commitment to their students and dedication to the improvement of CTE in their institutions and communities.

Cosmetology Instructor Shelia Bell was a finalist for the Carl Perkins Community Service Award. This award recognizes individuals who have used CTE to make a significant impact on their community and demonstrated leadership in programs and activities that promote student involvement in community service.

Marketing Graphic Designer Amber Sutton was a finalist for the Support Staff Member of the Year. This award is meant to recognize individuals who have exhibited excellence in their work in a support staff position.

Career Counselor Shayne Stanford was finalist for the Career Guidance Award. This award recognizes school counselors and career development professionals who have demonstrated commitment to connecting students with opportunities for success, shown innovation in career exploration and development, and have advocated for CTE as a viable option for all students.

ACD Coordinator Ashlee Gore, Long Term Care Nurse Aide Instructor JoElla Coffey and ACD Support Staff Lisa Ratzlaff earned the Outstanding Training Project Award for the development of the flex program for long term care nurse aides.

Woodring Campus Manager Kyle Hockmeyer and Industrial and Mechanical Technology Instructor Luis Andrade earned the Economic Development Award for the development of the Industrial and Mechanical Technology program.

Power Products Instructor Steve Bayles, Financial Aid Officer Lisa Fuller and Practical Nursing Coordinator/Instructor Barbara Simmons earned an OkACTE Silver Key award for 25 years of service in the Oklahoma CareerTech system.

Career Counselor Brooke Kusch was recognized for her term as the 2019-2020 OkACTE President and Autry Tech was also recognized as a Gold Star School for the 17th year!

ACTE is the largest national education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for careers. It's their mission to provide educational leadership in developing a competitive workforce.

Autry Technology Center has been a part of the Enid community since 1967 and is one of 29 CareerTech schools across Oklahoma. The center has more than 25 career programs and offers a wide variety of evening and weekend short-term courses and certifications for many diverse career fields. Autry serves nearly 16,000 individuals each year, including many area employees who receive training through the Business and Industry Services Department that works with over 500 local businesses each year.

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