



Western Business Education Association

**2011-2012
AWARD RECIPIENTS**



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Newport Beach, California

2012 WBEA Conference

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Dr. Billie Miller



The WBEA President's Award is an honor bestowed on an individual by the president. This individual is someone who has been a strong influence on what I have done or what I do in my profession. I reviewed my list of individuals, and it is very long. Throughout my career, many have motivated me, listened to me, traveled with me, and kept me on task. I truly reflected on cherished moments with these business educators and professional friends.

The President's Award for 2011-12 goes to my close professional and personal friend—Dr. Billie Miller. She is a retired Colonel and a professor at Cosumnes River College in Sacramento. We have been colleagues in the Los Rios Community College District for over 35 years because I teach at American River College, and both schools are in the same district. Her words and actions inspire me to be dedicated and committed in my professional career. I also appreciate her support of all my activities.

We connected professionally by serving on committees and attending workshops. Together we have developed and modified the curriculum for the business education programs of our district. Dr. Miller consistently displays a high degree of insight, judgment, and integrity. I admire her resourcefulness and problem solving skills in her educational and military pursuits. Her teaching style is on par with the real world, and she challenges students to be responsible professionals and pay attention to details. We have spent many hours in conversation about anything and everything, which has made us close friends. She keeps me organized at work and reminds me to focus on the needs of the students whenever I feel discouraged. I am grateful to her for proofreading my WBEA monthly messages—we have just four more to go! ☺

I am so fortunate to have such an intelligent, responsible, and conscientious friend as Billie in my life. She is my **WBEA BFF** (best friend forever)! *WBEA Congratulates Dr. Billie Miller!*

Presented by Roietta Fulgham
2011-2012 WBEA President

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS EDUCATOR University

Dr. Diana J. Green



Dr. Diana J. Green has been an active member of WBEA for 38 years serving on a WBEA program planning committee, a scholarship committee, as WBEA secretary, and on the WBEA board as president of her state association.

Recently, she was named the 2011 Distinguished Post Secondary Business Educator for Utah. Diana has been teaching a variety of business courses at Weber State University since 1987 and has been active chairing and serving on

numerous collegiate committees.

Dr. Green has received numerous awards from Delta Pi Epsilon including the 2011 Best Innovative Instructional Practices Award. Other awards include the George and Beth Lowe Teaching Award, Teaching Excellence Award, and Who's Who Among American Teachers.

Diana has authored or co-authored 63 articles in refereed publications on the regional, national, and international levels. One of her recent publications resulted in making business education literature more accessible through electronic media.

Dr. Jim Scott stated that "Diana J. Green excels in all award criteria categories and has made major contributions to business education at the local, state, regional, and national levels."

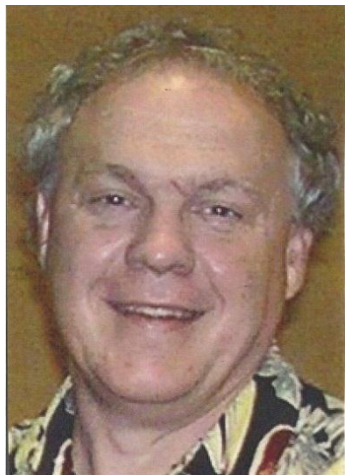
Dr. Mary Ann Lammers stated that Diana's "nomination for WBEA University Teacher of the Year for 2012 is a fitting recognition of an outstanding professional career."

Congratulations Diana J. Green!

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS EDUCATOR

Postsecondary

Lance Wrzesinski



Lance Wrzesinski is an assistant professor at Centralia College in Washington State and has been at the college since 2008. Prior to that, he taught at various high schools for 20 years. He received the President's Award in 2006 and the Merit Award for Post-Secondary Educator in 2011 from the Washington State Business Education Association (WSBEA). He also received a Certificate of Recommendation from WBEA in 2006.

Lance has been an FBLA adviser for seven years and served as last year's conference coordinator for WBEA's conference in Washington State. Lance has also been active in WA-ACTE as a board member, area representative, workshop coordinator, and as president-elect in 2010-11.

Larry McGee, an advisory board member, states that "Lance has brought positive change to the College's business programs, and he has raised the expectation bar for the students in the program." Washington State Business and Marketing Specialist Venetia Willis-Holbrook states that "I was extremely impressed with his commitment and insight on issues that impacted business education in Washington State."

Rebecca Lupkes, a student of Lance's, states that "Mr. Wrzesinski has a passion and compassion for those students who are fortunate to have him as an instructor. As I prepare to graduate, the one instructor who will always have my respect, support, and has made by educational journey one of joyous learning, is Lance Wrzesinski."

Congratulations Lance Wrzesinski!

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS EDUCATOR HIGH SCHOOL

Kimberly Gregory



Kimberly Gregory has been a business education teacher at Compass High School since 2005. For 22 years, Kim worked in the private sector staffing, developing marketing plans, planning and facilitating major projects, rallying the community, creating budgets, improving collaboration among management teams, and public speaking.

Dr. Pam Weigand stated that “when Kim decided to utilize her skills and experiences in the high school classroom, students and their parents plus administrators and the educational community experienced a treat.”

Indeed, Kim jumped into education. She has been active in her state professional organization serving as president-elect, president, and now past president. During her time as president, she was instrumental in collaborating events for Business and Marketing (BAM) instructors in Washington. BAM as it is now called came into being as budgets continued to tighten and multiple conferences were no longer an option. Kim spearheaded “mentoring” in the alternative education setting that resulted in her school being only one of three to achieve AYP, which her school has continued for three straight years.

Kim’s been Grandview Kiwanis Teacher of the year, a Washington State Business Education Merit Award winner, and Grandview Secondary Teacher of the Year. Her principal stated that in his 30 years as teacher and principal, Kim “surpasses everyone else I’ve deemed an excellent instructor in so many respects.”

Congratulations Kimberly Gregory!

OUTSTANDING CAREER & TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISOR

Lucille Brizzee



Lucille Brizzee has been very active in the Utah Future Business Leaders of America as advisor, state FBLA-PBL Board Member Chair, assistant state director, and presenter. Since 2008, she has been the State Assistant Director for Utah FBLA-PBL. For over 16 years, Lucille has been the Ogden High FBLA chapter advisor. She has presented at state and national fall leadership conferences for 10 plus years; and she has attended every national, state, and regional leadership conferences since 1996.

Lucille was named the Utah Distinguished Business Educator for 2011, Outstanding FBLA Advisor for 2004, and her chapter received six Gold Seal Chapter Awards of Merit.

Ogden High FBLA President Vanessa Coburn stated that “In FBLA, Ms. Brizzee assists students in finding events to compete in that benefit them the most. She really goes the extra mile to be the best teacher and advisor that she can be.”

State Specialist Wendi Morton stated that “Lucille’s personal demeanor and enthusiasm are contagious; her peers are drawn to her. She shares her passion with them and through her endeavors has established herself as a leader throughout our state.”

Congratulations Lucille Brizzee!

PREVIOUS WBEA AWARD WINNERS

Distinguished Service

1984	Robert J. Thompson, CA	1998	Dr. Colleen Vawdrey, UT
1985	May Oka, OR	1999	Sue Trautwein, OR
1986	Dr. H. Robert Stocker, UT	2000	Bernice Collins, CA
1987	Dr. Lloyd Bartholome, UT	2001	Mary Ann Lammers, OR
1988	Evelyn Schemmel, HI	2002	Helen Humbert, WA
1989	Kathleen Richards, UT	2003	Pauline Newton, CA
1990	Dr. James L. Young, AZ	2004	Dr. Alden A. Talbot, UT
1991	Georgina Seals, OR	2005	Marty McFarland, CA
1992	Jeanette Bieber-Moses, MT	2006	Rita Figlenski, WA
1993	George Borg, WA	2007	Kay Fujimoto Ono, HI
1994	Dr. V. Wayne Klemin, WA	2008	Joseph B. McFarland, CA
1995	Jane Thompson, CA	2010	Eric Swenson, MT
1996	Dr. Ross Byrd, WA	2011	Jean Matsui Hara
1997	Ginny Held, OR		

Robert J. Thompson

Membership Achievement Award

(NBEA membership goal reached by June 30 of previous year)

1987	Eileen Aaberge, MT	1999	Jill Meyer, WA
1988	Sheila Crosmer, MT	2000	Julie O'Dell, MT
1989	Dr. Robert Gryder, AZ	2001	Julie O'Dell, MT
1990	Dee Hartman, ID	2002	Denise Carlson, MT
1991	Nevada	2003	Stanley May, HI
1992	Mary O Fury, WA	2004	Eric Swenson, MT
1993	Clair Schenk, UT	2005	Lue Ann Amburn, NV
1994	Sue Van Meter, OR	2006	Jean Matsui Hara, HI
1995	Clair Schenk, UT	2007	Eric Swenson, MT
1996	Arlinda Carlson, MT	2008	Michael Haney, NV
1997	Arlinda Carlson, MT	2009	Roy Davis, ID
1998	Arlinda Carlson, MT	2010	Eric Swenson, MT

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS EDUCATORS

Junior High

1993	Cindi Sorensen	WA
1994	Linda James	UT
1995	Colleen Richardson	UT
1999	Janet Leatham	UT
2000	Marie Mortensen	UT
2002	Jackie Floetke	WA
2005	Tara Haslam	UT

High School

1991	Kathleen Richards	UT
1992	Cynthia Denton	MT
1993	Rita Figlenski	WA
1994	Marilyn Bennion	UT
1995	Linda Montanaro	AZ
1996	Valerie Abbott	OR
1997	Arlinda Carlson	MT
1998	Joyce Johnson	AZ
1999	George Borg	WA
2000	Mark Branger	MT
2001	Susan Boothe	UT
2002	Christi Pilcher	MT
2003	Joe McFarland	CA
2004	Pauline Newton	CA
2005	Teresa Wood	OR
2006	Toni C. Simmons	UT
2007	Eileen Wascisin	WA
2008	Jon R. Abel	OR
2009	Tacey Keylon	ID
2010	Eric Swenson	MT
2011	Ken Kuhn	BC

Career and Technical Student Organization Advisor

2007	Jean Hyde	WA
2008	Colleen Vawdrey	UT
2009	Kathleen O'Brien	ID
2010	Alden A. Talbot	UT
2011	Marjorie Carlile	UT

Postsecondary

1991	Carol Hinricher	MT
1992	Joan Ryan	OR
1993	Janece Connor	WA
1994	MaryO Fury	WA
1995	Colleen Vawdrey	UT
1996	Mary Ann Lammers	OR
1997	Karen Jolly	OR
1998	Jean Hara	HI
1999	Kyle Saunders	UT
2000	Wayne Franks	OR
2001	Jane Thompson	CA
2002	Carol Jordan	OR
2003	Kay Fujimoto Ono	HI
2004	Patricia Lewis	OR
2006	Della Kunimune	HI
2007	Roy Kamida	HI
2008	Michael J. Batali	WA
2010	Joyce T. Porter	UT
2011	Twila Lehman	OR

Collegiate/University

1991	Lloyd Bartholome	UT
1993	V. Wayne Klemin	WA
1994	H. Robert Stocker	UT
1995	Billie Herrin	MT
1996	Margaret Beilke	WA
1997	Doris Williamson	UT
1998	Robert Gryder	AZ
1999	Alden Talbot	UT
2000	Pamela Weigand	WA
2001	Ross Byrd	WA
2002	Dennis LaBonty	UT
2003	Greg Golf	UT
2004	Colleen Vawdrey	UT
2005	Allyson Saunders	UT
2006	Joseph Otto	CA
2009	Cynthia Olsen Krebs	UT
2011	Dennis Garner	UT



ROBERT J. THOMPSON

WBEA MEMBERSHIP AWARD

This award is presented to the S/T/P Membership Director who reaches the highest percentage of the NBEA membership goal on June 30 of the previous year.

Linda Cotton, Montana

June 30, 2011



S/T/P NEWSLETTER RECOGNITION

WBEA recognizes S/T/Ps for their excellence in publications. This July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011, award is designed to encourage contact with every member on a regular basis, promote professional and educational opportunities, and serve as a support network among S/T/P membership. Each year three S/T/Ps are selected from the newsletters submitted.

<u>Newsletter</u>	<u>Editor(s)</u>	<u>S/T/P</u>
<i>OBEA Bulletin</i>	Sue Van Meter	Oregon Business Education Association
<i>NVBEA Bulletin</i>	Kim Moody Bobbi Whitney	Nevada Business Education Association
<i>The Bulletin</i>	Nancy Buck Linda Snider	California Business Education Association

WESTERN BUSINESS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION PAST PRESIDENTS

1950-51	Theodore Yerian, OR	1980-81	Georgiale Smithpeters, WA
1951-52	Marsdon Sherman, CA	1981-82	G.W. (Jim) Maxwell, CA
1952-53	Evan Croft, UT	1982-83	May Oka, OR
1953-54	Eugene Kosy, WA	1983-84	H. Robert Stocker, UT
1954-55	Edwin Swanson, CA	1984-85	Lloyd W. Bartholome, UT
1955-56	Verner Dotson, WA	1985-86	Evelyn Schemmel, HI
1956-57	Jessie Black, UT	1986-87	Jeanette Bieber-Moses, MT
1957-58	Mary Alice Wittenberg, CA	1987-88	James Young, AZ
1958-59	Clisby Edlefsen, ID	1988-89	Mike Hovey, ID
1959-60	Ralph Asmus, AZ	1989-90	Kathleen Richards, UT
1960-61	Edith Smith, OR	1990-91	Ross Byrd, WA
1961-62	Laura Lynn Straub, CA	1991-92	Jane Thompson, CA
1962-63	Frances Brown, WA	1992-93	Colleen Vawdrey, UT
1963-64	Dean Peterson*/ G.W. (Jim) Maxwell), CA	1993-94	Sue Trautwein, OR
1964-65	John Lin, CA	1994-95	George Borg, WA
1965-66	Leonard Carpenter, OR	1995-96	William (Bill) Neal, HI
1966-67	George Dunn, AZ	1996-97	Billie Herrin, MT
1967-68	Robert Rose, ID	1997-98	James Young, AZ
1968-69	Ted Ivarie, UT	1998-99	Roger Rankin, ID
1969-70	Ray Christopherson, WA	1999-00	Mary Ann Lammers, OR
1970-71	Robert Thompson, CA	2000-01	Helen Humbert, WA
1971-72	Ted Stoddard, UT	2001-02	Pauline Newton, CA
1972-73	Howard Jones, OR	2002-03	Alden Talbot, UT
1973-74	John Chrape, HI	2003-04	Nancy Noe, OR
1974-75	Daniel Hertz, MT	2004-05	Joseph McFarland, CA
1975-76	James Manos, CA	2005-06	Jean Matsui Hara, HI
1976-77	Lohnie Boggs, AZ	2006-07	Julie O'Dell, MT
1977-78	Mona Noble, ID	2007-08	Kris Sheets, AZ
1978-79	Ed Goodin, NV	2008-09	Angie Neal, ID
1979-80	Kenneth McDonald, WA	2009-10	Eileen Wascisin, WA
		2010-11	Jackie Floetke, WA

*Dean Peterson was elected but did not assume the president's position.

WBEA 2011-2012 Executive Board

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Janie McFarland, Secretary

Jackie Floetke, Past President

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Ken Kuhn, Newsletter Editor

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