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FROM: Katharine M. Oliver
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SUBJECT: Awards of Excellence 2010

DATE: January 8, 2010

The Division of Career and College Readiness (DCCR) invites you to submit nominations for the 2010 Awards of Excellence. Enclosed, please find the 2010 application packet. Annually, DCCR honors exemplary business partnerships, career and technology education programs, career technology student organizations and individuals, recognizing their exemplary performance in the field of career and technology education. Additional information regarding the application process is included in the packet.

This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase career and technology education programs and the value they add to a student's educational experience. Official recognition speaks to the quality of the program and is a tribute to those individuals who work to ensure career and technology education students are well prepared for careers and further education. Submission of award applications from every local school system and community college in Maryland is strongly encouraged. As applicable, State award winners are forwarded as Maryland's nominees for national award consideration. Previous Maryland nominees have received national recognition.

AWARD CATEGORIES

One award will be presented in each category. Applications will be accepted for the following:

SECONDARY	POST SECONDARY
Outstanding Secondary Business Partnerships	Outstanding Business Partnerships
Outstanding Secondary Career and Technology Education Program	Outstanding Postsecondary Career and Technology Education Program
Outstanding Secondary Change Agent	Outstanding Postsecondary Change Agent
Outstanding Secondary Distinguished Service Award	Outstanding Postsecondary Distinguished Service Award
Outstanding Career Technology Education Student Organization	

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Local school systems and community colleges shall submit only one nomination for each appropriate award category. Applications that do not follow the nomination criteria and format will be disqualified. Award winners will be contacted to provide a variety of photographs and logos for inclusion in the awards presentation. Please do not include these items with the application.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS

Electronic submission is preferred. Award applications must be e-mailed no later than **February 12, 2010**. If submitting via the mail, applications must be postmarked on or before February 12, 2010. Hand delivered applications must be received in the Division of Career and College Readiness by 5:00 p.m. on the same date. Facsimile (FAX) copies will not be accepted. Applications received after the date and time above, will not be accepted. Please submit nine copies (one original and eight copies) by the deadline to:

Miranda Hill-Okojie
Maryland State Department of Education
Division of Career and College Readiness
200 West Baltimore Street
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AWARDS PROGRAM

The awards will be presented following a late afternoon reception on **Tuesday, April 27, 2010**. More information for the Awards Program, including location and registration, will be sent under separate cover in March 2010. Please mark your calendars with the date.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Mikos, Program Manager at 410-767-0186 or via email at pmikos@msde.state.md.us.

Attachment

c: Community College Presidents
Local Superintendents of Schools
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