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Educator of 33 Years Receives ACSA 2010 Statewide Award

From Industrial Arts to Vocational Education to Career Technical Education, **Jim Hall**, Director of Career Preparation for the El Dorado Union High School District, has been selected as this year's recipient of the *Career Technical Education Administrator of the Year* award. This statewide recognition is one among 19 categories awarded each year by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) to administrators in the field of education who demonstrate outstanding achievement in their respective category.

Hall is recognized throughout the state for developing innovative curriculum that has enriched the partnership between the academic world, vocational and career technical education, and the business community.

A 33-year veteran of education, Hall has been devoted to serving the needs of students preparing to enter the workforce through the development of meaningful and relevant curriculum and real-world learning experiences that simulate the workplace expectations of the business community.

Other highlights of Hall's vast career include the development of a teacher externship program in partnership with Los Rios Community College District, which allows teachers the opportunity to develop contextual understanding of the business world to enrich their students' classroom experiences. He has also been instrumental in creating student internship and apprenticeship programs, the development of post-high school courses of study, as well as the development of lesson plans as a result of teacher externships. Dale van Dam, Dean of Instruction at the El Dorado Center of Folsom Lake College, Los Rios Community College District, says that, "Jim has consistently been a valued resource for information on regional, statewide, and national career technical issues. His collaboration and assistance on several recent grants have been immeasurable." Hall has served as a board member of state organizations, served on state-appointed committees, and presented at numerous state conferences over the years.

According to Superintendent Sherry Smith, "Over the past 3 years, Mr. Hall has been instrumental in securing more than \$4 million in State Proposition 1d matching grant funding. These funds, when matched with funds made available by the passage of the Measure Q school bond, have enabled the District to put more than \$8 million toward new and upgraded Career Technical Education facilities and equipment. In addition, during his career, Mr. Hall has been responsible for approximately \$4.5 million in grant awards to the schools of El Dorado County targeting Career Technical Education. A truly remarkable feat, worthy of recognition."

As a former high school teacher, Mr. Hall remains passionate about bringing the outside world into the classroom, shaping the students' understanding of the world around them, and offering

students a hands-on opportunity to gain the comprehensive knowledge and skills to become successful beyond high school. He was one of the first teachers to run his program as a student-based enterprise, emulating all aspects of a manufacturing business. Mr. Hall says that those years working with his El Dorado Iron Workers and Engineers were very special to him.

Jim Hall will be recognized at the 2010 ACSA Leadership Summit in San Diego in November.

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