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West-MEC Awarded Multitude of ACTEAZ Awards

GLENDALE, Ariz. (May 23, 2023) – Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC) won nine Association for Career Technical Education of Arizona (ACTEAZ) awards between its central programs, satellite programs and partners.

ACTEAZ is dedicated to professional development and advocacy for the advancement of Career Technical Education who worked with the ACTE national organization to become a stronger voice in legislation and policy making.

West-MEC's central programs had three awardees including Cte-Post-Secondary Educator of the Year, won by Jennifer Kline of the EMT program. The West-MEC Welding program was awarded the CTE Program of the Year, and the two programs are taught by Eric Phye (Southwest Campus) and Delphina Yazz (Central Campus). Finally, West-MEC's Southwest Campus Administrator, Aaron Parsons, was recognized as the CTE Administrator of the Year.

West-MEC's Satellite programs won a combined five awards: Melissa Veo (Buckeye) won CTE Teacher of the Year, Jennifer Grumbling (Agua Fria) won Career Guidance Professional of the Year, Joseph Troxel (Paradise Valley) won New CTE Teacher of the Year, Kirsten Coury (Peoria) won CTE Junior High Teacher of the Year and Jeff Samaniego (Deer Valley) won the ACTEAZ Community Service Award.

A West-MEC partner also won an award with the City of Surprise Economic Development Office winning the Policymaker of the Year award.

A congratulations is also in order for West-MEC's Professional Development Specialist Patrick Clawson who was elected as the ACTEAZ Vice president. He will serve a two-year term.

About West-MEC:

West-MEC is a career technical education public school district focusing solely on innovative career and technical education (CTE) programs that prepare students to enter the workforce and pursue continuing education. West-MEC CTE programs provide students opportunities to earn college credit and industry credentials. West-MEC serves more than 37,000 students from 48 high schools across 3,800 square miles in the northern and western cities of the Phoenix Metropolitan area. West-MEC now also offers adult education programs. Visit www.west-mec.edu for more information about West-MEC's career-driven education opportunities, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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