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### **21 Educators Receive Awards for Proposals to Enhance Career Preparation**

The New Jersey Department of Education, in collaboration with the Business Coalition for Education Excellence and the New Jersey Education Association, has awarded stipends to 21 educators across the state to develop curriculum modules that implement the Cross-Content Workplace Readiness Standards in their classrooms.

The \$4,000 stipends were awarded under a program called Workplace Readiness I.D.E.A.S. (Incentive for Demonstrating Excellence in Academic Standards), which was announced in May. Teachers and school counselors were encouraged to submit their proposals to develop instructional packets that can be used to help students achieve the Cross-Content Workplace Readiness Standards.

"Our high school students need to know the elements for success in the world of work," said Governor Christie Whitman. "I applaud the efforts by the Business Coalition for Education Excellence and the NJEA for assisting the Department of Education in reaching out to local educators to identify programs and practices that can achieve this goal."

The Cross-Content Workplace Readiness Standards, adopted by the State Board of Education in May 1996, describe competencies in five areas for success in the workplace: career planning, use of information and technology, critical thinking, self-management and safety.

Educators who applied for the stipends submitted a brief application that described the general curricular concept, its relevance to the integration of the Cross-Content Workplace Readiness Standards into one or more academic content standards, its potential for replication by others, and proposed expenditures.

All applications were evaluated and ranked in a two-phase process. The first phase involved review by the local Workforce Investment Board. Following this review, each application was forwarded to the sponsoring committee for review by representatives from the Business Coalition, the NJEA and the Office of School-to-Career and College Initiatives in the Department of Education.

The 21 educators awarded stipends are:

Lizabeth Buoro, Cape May County Special Services District

Mary Jane Kowalczyk, Wallington High School

Jane Garnes, Northern Highlands High School

Jo-Ann Hein, Bogota High School

Bob Zentmeyer, Egg Harbor Township

K. Michelle Perry, Paterson Public Schools

Mary M. Coombs, Salem County Vocational Technical Schools

Beverly M. McGowan, Pittsgrove Township Schools

Janis Voo, Bloomfield Public Schools

Leslie McGioney and Geraldine Carroll, Clayton Public Schools

Lina Miceli, Piscataway High School

Dena Nisivoccia, Sondra Ernst and Jaime Abbott, Parsippany-Troy Hills Public Schools

Janice McCarthy, Ocean County Vocational Technical School

Karol Bucci and Joanna Gabris, Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District

Elizabeth Alber, Oldmans Township Middle School

Lisa Klein and Mary Ann Brown, Lyndhurst High School

Bridget Clark and Larry Carroll, Blackhorse Pike Regional School District

Jenny Carroll, Hopewell Valley Regional School District

John Gannaio, Haledon Public Schools

Sandra Antoine and Peter Nicholson, Paramus High School

Whilla White, Memorial High School, West New York

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