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WEST-MEC RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS IN CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Glendale, Ariz. (July, 2020) Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC)--a public career technical education district--celebrates staff members who were recognized for their contributions to Career Technical Education (CTE) by the Association for Career Technical Education of Arizona (ACTEAZ).

West-MEC is pleased to announce the achievements of the following esteemed staff members.

ACTEAZ Lifetime Achievement Award - John Mulcahy, West-MEC Assistant Superintendent for Professional Development and Adult Education

ACTEAZ Administrator of the Year - Marilynn Babyar, West-MEC Director of Student Services

ACTEAZ Distinguished Service Award - Shelly Thome, West-MEC Exceptional Student Services Manager

The winners were personally notified of their award in addition to being posted on the ACTEAZ website https://www.acteaz.org/awards/2020-award-winners/.

West-MEC supports its staff members in taking an active role in State organizations that support public education and career technical education. In addition to the recognition of the award recipients, West-MEC is proud to announce the following staff members for their service on the ACTEAZ Executive Board.

ACTEAZ President-Elect - Rahsaan Bartet, West-MEC Elementary and Community Liaison

ACTEAZ Vice President - Stephen Weltsch, West-MEC Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning and Campus Operations

ACTEAZ Member at Large - Brady Mitchell, West-MEC Curriculum & Instruction Specialist

ACTEAZ is a nationally recognized leader working with the ACTE national organization to become a stronger voice in legislation and policy making in support of Career Technical Education. For more information, visit <u>https://www.acteaz.org</u>.

About West-MEC:

West-MEC is a career technical education public school district that focuses 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 <u>www.west-mec.edu</u> for more information about West-MEC's career-driven education opportunities or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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