2013 Dick Hopkins Award of Excellence in Technological Education

Nominations are due: Friday, March 29, 2013

In a technological world, there is nothing more important than ensuring the next generation is well prepared to survive, and thrive into the future. This requires dedicated, enthusiastic and motivated technology teachers. It requires teachers who care, teachers who can inspire students, and excel in teaching technology.

Dick Hopkins exemplified such a teacher. Dick Hopkins, a technology educator at Napanee and Sydenham high schools and Queen's University Faculty of Education, exemplified the energy and enthusiasm of a great technology educator who inspired a generation of teachers and students.

A hard working technology educator, Dick continually asked his students to push the envelope to do great things. Dick was a champion of the community-based project, like the motorized bed for bedridden patients at the local hospital. Dick was also a champion of skills competitions, encouraging his students to challenge themselves, to showcase their talents to the community, and to the world. He vigorously promoted the skilled trades as career choices for his students. At Queen's University, Dick was an admired master teacher, inspiring a generation of new technology teachers who are now working all over the province.

Dick passed away suddenly in October 2002. In honour and remembrance of our friend and colleague, the **Ontario Council for Technology Education (OCTE)** and **Skills Canada - Ontario** have initiated an annual award of excellence for an outstanding technological educator in Dick's name. This award will be presented annually at the Skills Canada - Ontario Provincial Competition (May 2013), in recognition of Dick's active participation and promotion of skills competitions and events.

This award will recognize excellence in technological education and will inspire others to do great things.

If you know a great technology educator from Grades 1 to 12 - please send in your nomination. Recognizing the achievements of your colleagues is inspiring and very rewarding.

Congratulations to our past award winners:

2003	Mike Sewell, Limestone District School Board
2004	Kevin Graham, Niagara District School Board
2005	Bob Chambers, Limestone District School Board
2006	Dan Kroetsch, Waterloo Catholic District School Board
2007	Robert Darling, Grand Erie District School Board
2008	Sergio Borghesi, Niagara Catholic District School Board
2009	David Graves, Halton District School Board and Bud Halpin, Saugeen District Secondary School
2010	Randy Dyck, Waterloo Region District School Board and Dario Rossit, Greater Essex County District School Board
2011	Ray Morrison, Bluewater District School Board and Cheryl Lovell, Greater Essex County District School Board
2012	Slawomir Dobrowolski, St. John's College, Brant Haldimand NorfolkCDSB

Nomination Criteria and Information:

We encourage individuals and/or organizations to nominate educators for the Dick Hopkins Award of Excellence in Technological Education based on the following criteria:

1. Candidate must be an Ontario technological educator (Science & Technology grades 1-8, and/or Technological Education grades 9-12) or administrator involved in technological education. Nominations of qualified retired individuals are acceptable.

2. Candidate should demonstrate an exemplary educational program incorporating, but not limited to, community based projects, promotion of skills competitions and events; and the promotion of the skilled trades and technical occupations, whether locally, regionally, provincially or nationally.

3. Candidate should be an educator that is a member of OCTE and/or involved with Skills Canada – Ontario, as well as displaying enthusiasm for the profession of technological education and promotes quality teaching and learning, and who has inspired students and/or colleagues to go beyond the ordinary.

Ontario Council For Technology Education

Please complete the nomination form (page 2) and send in the required information.

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NOMINATION FORM

Nominator Information (Please print):
Nominator _____ Relationship to Nominee_____
School/Organization _____
Telephone _____Fax _____
Email:_____

Nominee Information (Please print):
Person Nominated _____
School/ Organization _____School Board _____
Area of Specialty (grade taught and subject area) _____
Telephone _____ Fax _____
Email _____

RATIONALIZATION / NOMINEE CONTRIBUTION

- On a separate piece of paper, in a 250 word essay, briefly outline this individual's contribution to technological education in Ontario, giving reasons why they should receive the award. Be sure to include specific stories, events planned, initiatives and activities the nominee inspired or was involved in.
- Please include **3 letters of reference** for the nominee. Letters of reference must accompany the nomination form.
- Nominations that are incomplete will not be considered.

All nominations must be received by Friday, March 29, 2013

A committee of judges will be selected to review the nominations and decide on a winner. The decision of judges will be final. The winner will be notified prior to the skills competitions and will be invited to attend the awards presentation.

All submissions must be sent to the attention of:

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