



PRESS RELEASE

The Montana Association for Career and Technical Education would like to announce that Edie Vogel, Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher at Shepherd High School, has been selected as the 2011 Montana Career and Technical Education New Teacher of the Year and Mitzi Richards, Business Instructor from Shields Valley High School, has been selected as the 2011 Montana Career and Technical Education Teacher of the Year. The awards were presented in Great Falls, Montana, on October 21 at the Awards Luncheon during the Annual Montana ACTE Fall Institute.



Ms. Richards began her full-time teaching career in Denton, Montana, where she taught for ten years. Mitzi began her second career as a business teacher when she was hired by Shields Valley Schools in 2006. Under Mitzi's direction, the Shields Valley BPA Chapter has been awarded the Spirit of Professionalism award twice, the Silver Star Chapter Award for six consecutive years, and has been the top fundraising chapter for the past four years.



Edie is very proud of her FCCLA Chapter which has gone from 8 members her first year to approximately 30 members currently. They are involved in numerous community service projects including HIV/AIDS peer educating, Stockings for Soldiers Drive and Teens for Jeans clothing drive for the homeless, just to name a few. Her FCCLA Chapter has qualified for and competed at National FCCLA for the past two years.

“I strive to teach my students how to manage work and family. We live and work on our family's farm near Ballantine, Montana, and are very proud to be raising the fifth generation there.”

The Association for Career and Technical Education is the largest national education association dedicated to the advancement of education that prepares youth and adults for careers. Montana ACTE is a member state with a mission is to provide leadership in developing an educated, prepared, and competitive workforce. The Montana Association for Career and Technical Education provides the career and technical education necessary to create the highly skilled workforce that supports the demands of the 21st century economy and promotes economic development in Montana's communities.