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Georgiann Belton

2008 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Georgiann Belton, Culinary Arts Instructor and cafeteria supervisor on Indian Capital Technology Center's Muskogee Campus, received the 2008 "Distinguished Service Award", during the Business and Industry Awards Banquet, sponsored by Indian Capital Technology Center in partnership with Muskogee Development Corp, and Muskogee Chamber of Commerce. David West, Business and Industry Services Director, presented the award.

Belton has worked at Indian Capital Technology Center for over 20 years.

During that time she has had over 24 National Food Star winners in student competitions, and has received the nation's highest teaching credential from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Through her program she coordinates the daily food services for over 900 students and personnel. She was one of three international finalists for the Foodservice Educator of the Year at the Foodservice Educators Network International Education Summit and was recipient of the "Oklahoma ProStart Teacher Award for Excellence in Teaching" by the Oklahoma Restaurant Association and Hospitality Business Alliance in partnership with the National Restaurant Association.

Belton's program was one of the Pilot ProStart programs in the state. She has received the Teacher of the Year Award from Family and Consumer Sciences, and was a finalist for the Oklahoma Association of Career and

Technical Education Teacher of the Year Award. She has implemented cooperative agreements with Oklahoma State University, where students can receive college credit upon successful completion of her program.

Belton has demonstrated exceptional commitment, dedication, and involvement within the community through active participation in partnerships. She has provided food services for community events such as Governor Henry's Inaugural Reception in Muskogee, Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame, Success Expo, Barebones Film Festival, and many other events.

Through these partnerships, she has been a key player in developing programs and activities to promote expand and improve the educational delivery system to prepare students for the world of work. What has developed from the partnerships she has cultivated is a mutually beneficial program to promote investment in our students for a successful and prosperous future.

Belton was awarded an Appreciation Certificate from the State Board of Career and Technology Education for "Outstanding Contributions to Oklahoma CareerTech Culinary Arts Education".