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News Release

Teachers Encouraged to Apply for Colorado Teacher of the Year

Applications are now being accepted for the 2010 Colorado Teacher of the Year. Applications are due Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009.

The annual Colorado Teacher of the Year Program has long provided the state with its most prestigious educator award, established to recognize the contributions of the classroom teacher to the students he or she teaches and beyond that, to the continued growth and well-being of the state.

Each year, in order to recognize the contributions of Colorado's classroom teachers, CDE encourages fellow educators, education administrators, parents and community members to nominate their best and brightest teachers for Colorado Teacher of the Year.

The 2009 Teacher of the Year was Susan Elliott, a Highlands Ranch High School Deaf and Hard of Hearing Instructor. Other finalists for the 2009 Colorado Teacher of the Year were Lynn Jackson, a fourth grade teacher at Eldorado K-8 School in Superior and Nicholas Kawalec, a reading teacher at Scott Carpenter Middle School in Denver.

The 2010 Colorado Teacher of the Year application is available at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeawards/download/pdf/2010CTOYApp.pdf>. Nominees must fill out and submit their own applications by Thursday, Oct. 1. An external selection committee will determine the finalists and make a final decision in November when the 2010 Colorado Teacher of the Year will be announced.

For more information, visit

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeawards/trtoyinf.htm>.

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