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News Release

"Practitioner's Day" In Estes Park on July 10 Will Feature Colorado Teacher Of The Year Justin Darnell

The National State Teachers of the Year will hold its annual conference in Estes Park, Colorado July 9—12 under the theme of "Reaching New Heights in Education."

The highlight of the conference is "Practitioner's Day" on Saturday, July 10, which is open to teachers and administrators. One-hour sessions will focus on best practices designed to meet the needs of Colorado's K—12 beginning and veteran educators. Among the presenters will be Justin Darnell, 2010 Colorado Teacher of the Year. Darnell is a science teacher at Bryant-Webster K-8 School in Denver.

The "Practitioner's Day" keynote speaker is Karl Fisch, director of technology at Arapahoe High School in Littleton. His presentation is titled, "Shifting Literacies: A Case for the 21st Century Classroom."

The National State Teachers of the Year is a professional organization of outstanding teachers who represent excellence in education. Each member has been previously selected by a state or U.S. protectorate as a Teacher of the Year.

Teachers and school administrators are invited to register for the daylong "Practitioner's Day" workshop in Estes Park. Conference registration is available at

www.coloradoea.org/whatsnew/NSTOYJuly10.cfm

The cost is \$40 per person, including a box lunch. One hour of college credit is available through Adams State College for an additional \$55.

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