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CCSD teacher honored by the National Association of Special Education Teachers

Variety School teacher receives Outstanding Special Education Teacher Award

LAS VEGAS – Variety School teacher Douglas Trinkle was announced as a winner of the 2016 Outstanding Special Education Teacher Award from the National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASSET). The award is bestowed upon special education teachers across the United States who demonstrate exceptional achievement and excellence in the field of special education.

NASSET is a national membership organization dedicated to supporting and assisting teachers and future teachers in special education. It seeks to meet a critical need for special education teachers, and develops and promotes professional excellence through the support of the dedicated educators who provide services to children with special needs.

Candidates for the award were nominated and evaluated based on criteria in three categories: teaching, service outside of the classroom and professional activities. Nominated by a fellow Variety School teacher, Trinkle was described as a passionate, dedicated and creative leader who strives to improve his instructional strategies and expectations, always going above and beyond to support students as well as colleagues. Trinkle has run the school's Cleveland Clinic Model classroom for the past three years and has also created new programs, like Starlab, National Geographic Walking Map and the Exceptional Bike Rodeo programs, that provide all students with additional opportunities to grow. Furthermore, while teaching full-time and taking hundreds of hours of training programs offered by the Clark County School District (CCSD), Trinkle successfully earned his second master's degree.

Variety School is a special needs school that serves CCSD students ages six to 21 with multiple disabilities. Through positive, individualized and multifaceted programs, Variety School helps prepare students to participate in a democratic society, compete successfully in the job market, make informed decisions and become life learners.

For more information on NASSET, visit naset.org.



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