

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Foundation, Two Educators to be Recognized for Career Development Work**

The J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation and two educators are being recognized this month for their efforts in making students and adults alike aware of the importance of career development to their futures.

As part of National Career Development Month, these individuals will receive Leadership in Career Development awards on Nov. 7 following the 1 p.m. proclamation signing by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, declaring November Career Development Month in Idaho.

The Albertson Foundation, its Go On initiative widely recognized for encouraging Idaho's middle school and high school students to further their education, awards grants to schools that develop plans to help students pursue postsecondary education, provides Targeted Postsecondary Scholarships to the 11 Idaho colleges and is testing the Continuous Enrollment Project to help Idaho non-traditional students get to college, stay in college and achieve success.

Mary Knapp, the career development advisor at the Dennis Technical Education Center in Boise, has been instrumental in promoting, organizing, educating and guiding students in all areas of career choices, challenges and opportunities, working directly with program staff, advisory committees and industry to promote partnerships and internships for students and teachers. Because of her efforts and guidance, the Dennis Technical Education Center is a leader in offering meaningful opportunities for postsecondary choices and career networking.

Rod Stearns, the coordinator for professional-technical programs for the Nampa School District, was the driving force in bringing Idaho Career Connect to the Nampa Chamber of Commerce, providing an exchange between Nampa schools and local and regional employers that gives students and jobseekers the chance to learn about local business and industry. It also provides teachers, counselors and administrators a list of local businesses volunteers for educational activities.

The Leadership in Career Development awards are annually sponsored by the Idaho Career Information System division at the Idaho Department of Labor. Additional details on these awards and on this year's recipients are available at <http://labor.idaho.gov/dnn/idl/IdahoCareerInformation/CISNews/CISAWards.aspx>.

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