



GOODNEWS

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NCHS Teacher Honored as Outstanding Teacher for 2005-2006

Mrs. Cynthia Behrens, a faculty member of NCHS, was honored with the Outstanding Teacher Award for 2005-2006 by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary, John H. Kraus Post 454. She has been a supporter of the Voice of Democracy scholarship competition since 2000. Mrs. Behrens received a plaque and a check for \$30 at an awards dinner in on December 11, 2005 at VFW Post 454 hall. Mrs. Behrens is invited to attend the January district banquet scheduled in Bloomington. She has been submitted as an entry in the state level competition.

Mrs. Behrens' recognition is based on that she uses the Voice of Democracy scholarship competition for instructional purposes in her English classes. She encourages students, who have been diagnosed with specific learning disabilities, to write on a specific topic presented by the VFW. Mrs. Behrens' goal is for the students to work very hard to improve their research, writing, and speaking skills. Students must write their essays to fit the criteria of the scholarship contest. The students are also required to interview veterans, in addition to exploring their own personal beliefs about patriotism, democracy, freedom, and war.

It is appropriate for Cynthia Behrens to be recognized as an outstanding teacher. It is obvious that she inspires students to achieve beyond their expectations. It is also apparent that she has respect for students' ideas, and opinions which encourages her students to take risks as they strive for greater achievement. The Normal Community High School students, staff, and parents congratulate Mrs. Behrens for receiving this award and also express sincere appreciation to her for utilizing this competition as a resource to assist our students in their academic growth.

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