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Mr. Richard Knoepfel Named 2014 Magnet Schools of America Regional Teacher of-the-Year!

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Las Vegas, Nevada– Advanced Technologies Academy and Clark County School District are proud to announce that Mr. Richard Knoepfel has been named a 2014 Regional Teacher of-the-Year by Magnet Schools of America (MSA), the national association for magnet and theme-based schools.

“Being selected as a Regional Teacher of-the-Year is a tremendous honor and accomplishment,” said Magnet Schools of America Executive Director, Scott Thomas. “Mr. Knoepfel is being recognized for his instructional excellence and innovative practices in the classroom. He was chosen for their ability to inspire students from all backgrounds to succeed, and for their demonstrated leadership within their schools and community.”

“The awards and recognition I am most proud of are those of my students,” said Rich Knoepfel. “I teach them that it isn’t about the recognition, but the process one goes through to get to the end product. As long as they have learned something and grown as an individual they have already won. The past five years in particular have placed our school and the Architecture program on the national stage with multiple students being recognized in national design contests at both the high school and collegiate level. In the last eighteen years my students have garnered over 150 awards at the local, regional and national levels.”

Mr. Knoepfel’s outstanding award and recognitions include: Appointment to the Nevada Advisory Council on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics – November 2013; “One Classroom at a Time” KSNV Channel 3 and Barrick Gold – November 2013; UNLV Teacher Who Inspires and Makes a Difference Award – October 2013; Advanced Technologies Academy - Maverick Award – May 2013; Chicago Architecture Foundation Certificate of Merit for dedication and educational excellence by promoting architecture and design skills creativity and critical thinking in the 21st century classroom – August 2013; Clark County School District Excellence in Education Hall of Fame 2007; American Institute of Architects – Las Vegas Chapter - Certificate of Appreciation for support of the High School Design Awards 1996 –2013; National Association of Women in Construction – Chapter 74 - Certificate of Appreciation for support of the High School Drafting and Design Contest – 1996 – 2013.

Regional Teachers of-the-Year are selected from MSA’s eleven regions across the country through a competitive application process and are eligible to be selected as the National Teacher of-the-Year during the Magnet Schools of America National Conference in Hartford, CT May 15-18, 2014.

The Magnet Schools of America’s Teacher of-the-Year Awards recognize outstanding and dedicated elementary or secondary magnet school teachers who are acknowledged by their peers, parents, families, and students for their exemplary contributions made to their profession.

To learn more about the Magnet Schools of America Teacher of-the-Year Awards, please visit www.magnet.edu