



Alaska Workforce Investment Board

David G. Stone

Career and Technical Education Instructor/Administrator of the Year Award

Recipient Biographies

May 22, 2013

Secondary Instructor

Doug Edwards

Doug Edwards is employed as an instructor in the Culinary Arts Program at Ketchikan High School. He was nominated for the David G. Stone Secondary Instructor of the Year Award by Dr. Linda Hardin, Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District; Robert C. McClory, Ketchikan High School; Michelle O'Brien, KPU Telecommunications; and Robert Boyle, Superintendent, Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District.

Under Mr. Edward's leadership for the past ten years the program has steadily increased and stabilized the student enrollment, restructured the curriculum, has become fiscally solvent and has been able to offer scholarships for students and support other high school and community activities. The program provides entrepreneurial services for several agencies and businesses in the community.

Post-Secondary Instructor/Administrator

Les Lauinger

Les Lauinger is employed at the Alaska Laborers Training School as the training director. He was nominated for this award by George Tuckness Sr., Project Manager, Neeser Construction; Mike Pollock, Vice President, Roger Hickel Contracting, Inc.; Wade Blasingame, President and General Manager, AES Houston Contracting Co., Inc.; C. John Eng, President, Cornerstone General Contractors, Inc.; John MacKinnon, Executive Director, Associated General Contractors of Alaska; Jim Sampson, Director, Fairbanks Pipeline Training Center Trust; and John Minder, President, Great Northwest Inc.

Mr. Lauinger has been exemplary in the performance of his duties at the Alaska Laborers Training School. He has brought the school from one campus to two with satellite sites in Nome, Juneau, Kenai, Kodiak and Valdez. The school has gone from training around 100 students per year to over 2500 per year. Out of these 2500 plus students, over 94% of the students find employment after becoming certified. He has also set up grants and apprenticeships programs, and is now overseeing the building of two new campus sites.