

COMMUNITY NEWS

NCCU presents awards to community leaders

North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice (NCCU) celebrated the 14th year of its Annual Awards Dinner by presenting awards to outstanding individuals and organizations that have made a difference in making North County and the community a better place to live, work, and raise families.

For the last fourteen years, it has selected seven outstanding individuals and organizations that have truly made a difference in the lives of others and in our community.

NCCU President Rance Thomas said, "For the first time, this year we presented eight awards as opposed to seven, because we had so many deserving organizations and individuals this year."

The Outstanding Achievement Award was presented to Wesley Bell, Professor of Criminal Justice at St. Louis Community College at Florissant and Councilman in the city of Ferguson for his outstanding commitment to the community and for his victory in the St. Louis County Prosecutor's race.

Further NCCU gave awards to two outstanding superintendents, Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart, of Hazel-

wood School District and Dr. Joseph Davis of the Ferguson-Florissant School District, for their outstanding commitment to education and their accomplishments in improving their districts and the education of their students.

Also, NCCU presented the President's Award to St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Catholic Church for its commitment to improving race relations in our community. Further, Metropolitan



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Pictured above (from left) in the front row is Ross Caravelli, Sister Karl Mary Winkelmann, Dr. Joseph Davis, Reverend Dr. Dietra Wise-Baker. In the back row (from left) is the President/CEO Michael McMillan from the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, President of NCCU Dr. Rance Thomas, Mayor Thomas P. Schneider, Venus Martz, Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart, Wesley Bell and the Vice President of NCCU, Dr. Barbara Thompson.

tan Congregations United was recognized for its untiring effort and commitment to making the whole St. Louis area a better place to live and work. The Greater North County Chamber of Commerce was recognized for dedicated work with businesses, organizations, and individuals to improve the quality of life for everyone in North County.

Finally, for the first time, NCCU presented two Lifetime Achievement Awards and they were presented to two individuals who have made a longtime commitment to our community and to others. The first Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Mayor Thomas P. Schneider of Florissant for his service to the community and the county. Schneider served two tours in Vietnam while serving in the

U.S. Navy, and he served 32 years on the Florissant City Council and served seven years as the mayor of the city of Florissant.

The second Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Sister Karl Mary Winkelmann, recently retired President of Trinity Catholic High School, whose 54 years in education as a teacher, a principal, and president will be long remembered.

The Master of Ceremonies was Rev. Cedric Portis, pastor of Third Presbyterian Church, and the invocation was given by Rev. John Higgins of John Knox Presbyterian Church and the benediction was done by Deacon Bill Twelman of St. Norbert Catholic Church. The speaker was Michael McMillan, President and CEO of the St. Louis Metropolitan Urban League, and music was provided by Byron Thomas a recording artist from Fresno, California. The event took place in the Paul F. Detrick Building Atrium at Christian Hospital Northeast.



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Hazelwood math teacher earns regional teacher of the year award

Hazelwood West High School math teacher Scott Borcharding has been named a Regional Teacher of the Year by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

He is one of 10 St. Louis-area teachers to earn the recognition and one of only 32 statewide.

Borcharding was recognized at the Missouri State Teacher of the Year Awards Banquet Oct. 22 in Jefferson City.

"I have always believed that my successes have been based off relationships that I have created with students and colleagues," Borcharding said. "This award has been a blessing to help me grow through opportunities that it has created throughout the past year."

Borcharding has taught math at Hazelwood West High School since 2006, and is a Class of 2000 alumnus of the school.

He also is the senior class sponsor, varsity baseball coach, and girls tennis coach.

"Mr. Borcharding truly is a leader both for his students and Hazelwood West High School," Superintendent Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart said. "He is a shining example of our highly-qualified staff setting high expectations and helping students reach those expectations. I am very proud of him and his hard work."

Recipients are chosen based on their ability to foster excellence in education through improved student learning.

They also must play an active role in their school community and provide service and leadership, as well as be highly-respected by students, parents, colleagues, and their community.

Borcharding previously received the 2011-2012 Teacher of the Year Award from the Mathematics Educators of Greater St. Louis.



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