

The NCSA Distinguished Service Award is the organization's oldest and most prestigious award. This award is given annually to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional, distinguished leadership, has rendered outstanding and unselfish service and who has contributed significantly to quality education at the state and local level.

NCSA is proud to announce the award was recently presented at Administrator's Days to ESU 16 Administrator, Mrs. Marge Beatty.

Marge Beatty has dedicated 38 years of her life to children and education. She began her distinguished career as a speech pathologist and has ascended to the administrator of Educational Service Unit 16, a position in which she remains an advocate for students.

Director of Special Education Kris Elmshaeuser commented, "She has never lost sight of the children. The students have always and are still today, part of every decision she makes. She rarely takes the time to realize that she has been contributing her whole life to the betterment of those around her. Through dedicated effort she affects changes in policies and programs that make us proud to be in our profession. Service before self and putting the students' best interest at the forefront are attributes that come to mind."

Beatty has been an outstanding leader for Nebraska schools and educational service units.

NCSA Executive Director Dr. Mike Dualney stated, "Marge Beatty is a leader among leaders and has med a genuine commitment to utilize available resources to best equip teachers and serve students. Her dedication and ability to recognize and nurture the development of talented individuals, has significantly improved leadership within ESU 16 and service unit schools."