

## West Stanly Educator Wins Literacy Teaching Award

High school teacher honored as trailblazer for engaging students through powerful literacy practices

July 8, 2019 — Karen Brown of West Stanly High School won the 2019 Outstanding Literacy Teacher Award from the Southern Regional Education Board. Brown is a career and technical education teacher in Stanly County School District in Oakboro, North Carolina. She was honored at SREB's College- and Career-Readiness Standards Networking Conference on July 8 in Baltimore, Maryland.

The Outstanding Literacy Teacher Award recognizes a teacher who uses SREB's powerful literacy practices to revolutionize his or her teaching approach. Brown engages her students in reading challenging texts and expressing their understanding of those texts in speech and writing. In all of her classes, Brown's students create authentic writing products like manuals, webpages and pamphlets about technical careers.

Brown leads national and local workshops that help other CTE teachers use literacy strategies to strengthen their instruction. She wrote a nationally recognized instructional module used by teachers across the country. She also creates literacy-based assignments for other CTE teachers at her school and provides coaching and feedback through instructional rounds.

SREB's College- and Career-Readiness Standards Networking Conference helps K-12 teachers deepen their implementation of powerful literacy and mathematics tools and strategies that enhance students' content knowledge and reasoning skills.

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