

Hot Springs Principal Westerman Receives Excellence in Action Award from SREB

July 12, 2017 – Donald Westerman, principal at Fountain Lake Charter High School in Hot Springs, Arkansas, received the Excellence in Action Award for Outstanding Advanced Career Administrator from the Southern Regional Education Board at the 31st Annual High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, on July 12.

Career readiness, adult-student mentorships, a strong advisory program, project-based learning, and speaking and listening skills are signature features of Fountain Lake’s Integrated Production Technologies curriculum. Students sign contracts and agree to standards of conduct that include accountability to their team members, work ethic, communication and leadership expectations – characteristics that reflect real-world work life.

SREB’s Advanced Career pathway programs prepare students for both college and career. The High Schools That Work Staff Development Conference brings together educators from schools that have implemented the instructional strategies of SREB school improvement programs. These schools have increased focus on career and technical education by redesigning assignments around projects that often involve both academic and career pathway classes.

The Southern Regional Education Board works with states and educators to improve public education at every level, from early childhood through postsecondary education.

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