



## 2010 STATE RECOGNITION AWARDS

### Individual Award

For the Pursuit of Lifelong Learning

**Carla Nuxoll, AP Art History and Humanities**

*Mead Senior High School, Mead School District*

Carla Nuxoll began teaching in the Mead School District in 1972. Thirteen years later, she left to work for the Washington Education Association, where she rose to the position of President. In 1993, after eight years with WEA, Carla was selected to serve as Secretary Richard Riley's Regional Representative with the US Department of Education.

In 2001, Mead enthusiastically welcomed Carla back, where she currently teaches AP Art History and junior humanities at Mead High School. Ken Russell, principal, says this about Carla:

*"I can attest that Carla is arguably our best teacher, because she is invariably competent, distinctly knowledgeable, compassionately caring, superlatively skilled, and uncannily instinctive."*

Carla is also an inspiration to her students. Not only is she attentive to the level of acquired subject-knowledge and quality academic products her students produce, she also invokes critical thinking, relevance, and organization in a caring, nurturing setting. Her students have held her in high esteem because she pushed them hard, yet cared deeply about them. In her letter of support, Abby, a junior in the Humanities class, said this of Carla: *"If I can be an ounce of what Ms. Nuxoll is, I will know that I have made a good impact on the world around me. Her passion and knowledge is unsurpassed by anyone I have known and feel truly blessed to have known her."* As you can see, Ms. Nuxoll has a passion for teaching that is infectious to all around her.