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Four Corners Charter School Selected as Top Teacher in the State

DAVENPORT, Fla. (August 17, 2009) – Beth Berner, a second grade teacher at [Four Corners Charter School](#) has been named Educator of the Year by [Charter Schools USA \(CSUSA\)](#) at its annual Summit. The award is given to an individual who is nominated by peers for his or her professionalism, creativity and overall excellence as an educator. Once nominated, candidates are evaluated by sister schools where winning nominations are sent to the corporate executive team and ultimately the vice-president of education for the final decision.

Berner has been a second grade teacher at Four Corners Charter School for six years. She is lauded for her ability to creatively develop lesson plans and instructional techniques that adjust to her students needs. As a team leader and mentor for younger teachers, she models best practices and shares creative lesson plans. Her compassion in the classroom is recognized as she helps students going through difficult home situations to find success in the school environment.

“Beth has exemplified everything there is to being a model teacher,” says Sherry Hage, vice-president of education at CSUSA. “She is not only an excellent teacher for her students; she serves as a stellar role model for fellow teachers and is a tireless community volunteer.”

Berner is heavily involved in community service with H.O.M.E. – an organization that assists families who are homeless or on the verge of homelessness. Many of the students in her school are assisted by this organization. She also volunteers countless hours as director of Voice of Hope Ministries for Community of Faith Church. This organization feeds the hungry and through her intervention has been successful in finding a donor for a Four Corners family to obtain a trailer and car. She has found mentors for at-risk students who have dropped out of school and facilitated a program that provides easier access to the Department of Children and Families for those in need. She was chosen because she not only exemplifies the Charter Schools USA philosophy of putting students first, but also for her dedication to fulfilling the school’s character education program by her example.

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