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Innovative CAPS program wins prestigious Edison Gold Award



Think of the most innovative inventions and the people who have made them come to life. Imagine inventions by Ford Motor Company, The Discovery Channel, Colgate Palmolive, Gillette, Apple and Kodak, just to name a few. Now picture those same inventors in one room recognizing innovation in the world.

The unique learning opportunities of the Blue Valley Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) were recognized alongside these industry leaders at the Edison Awards ceremony. CAPS received the Gold Award in the Living, Working and Learning Environments category of the Edison Award in New York City in April. Blue Valley is the first K-12 school district to be recognized with

such a prestigious honor.

"To be recognized on a national level with an award program that has existed for 25 years was outstanding," said Donna Deeds, executive director of the CAPS program. "We are honored, humbled and very grateful."

The CAPS program is an entrepreneurial and innovative program designed to give high school students hands-on, real-world experience in a profession of their choice. CAPS offers courses within four strands: Bioscience, Business, Engineering or Human Services.

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where students are fully immersed in a profession-based learning approach. The first CAPS courses took place during the 2009-10 school year at satellite locations hosted by Black & Veatch, DLR Group, Freedom Bank and Sprint. This year, a state-of-the-art CAPS facility opened to students.

Through CAPS, students gain valuable and unique insights into the working world. They meet with business professionals to write marketing plans, develop bids for projects and create products all as high school juniors and seniors. CAPS students interact with more than 250 business partners in the Kansas City area and around the world.

Deeds said one of the most exciting advantages to being a winner of an Edison Award is the plethora of business professionals who are now aware of CAPS and willing to work with its students.

"Because of the Edison Awards we are now able to collaborate with inventors all over the world," Deeds said. "The opportunity for our students is huge."

For more information about the Edison Awards, go to www.edisonawards.com.

For more information about the CAPS program, go to www.bvcaps.org.

Donna Deeds, executive director of the Center for Advanced Professional Studies program, and Tom Trigg, superintendent, at the Edison Awards program.





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