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Marzolf and Miron win more Ag teaching awards

FOREST LAKE, MINN. – The Agriculture Department of Forest Lake Area High School received yet another pair of accolades earlier this month as teachers Bob Marzolf and Mike Miron were named recipients of two distinguished awards from the National Association of Agriculture Educators (NAAE).

Marzolf was named winner of the 2010 Minnesota Outstanding Teacher Award, while Miron was named recipient of the 2010 Minnesota Outstanding Young Member Award. The awards were presented on July 8 at the annual banquet of the Minnesota Association of Agricultural Educators.

Outstanding Teacher Award winners are agricultural educators who are at the pinnacle of their profession and who are conducting the highest quality agricultural education programs. The award recognizes leadership in civic, community, agriculture/agribusiness and professional activities. Outstanding agricultural educators are innovators and catalysts for student success in agricultural education. Applicants are judged on a variety of criteria, including teaching philosophy, effective classroom and experiential instruction, development of partnerships, and professional growth.

Outstanding Young Member Award winners are agricultural educators who have been teaching for no more than six years and who have demonstrated significant progress toward establishing a successful agricultural education program. Applicants are judged on a variety of criteria, including teaching philosophy, effective classroom and experiential instruction, development of partnerships, and professional growth.

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Marzolf and Miron lead both the high school's highly-regarded Agriculture Department and the Forest Lake Chapter of FFA, which has received numerous awards and accolades, both in Minnesota and nationally. During the past school year, Marzolf was named VFW Teacher of the Year and the winner of the Bruce Beresford Educator Award from the Minnesota State Horticultural Society. Miron was named District 11 Outstanding Agriculture Mentor by the Women's Ag Leadership State Council in 2009, and he received the Minnesota Agricultural Education Association's "Teachers Turn the Key" award in 2008 and the "TIES Exceptional Teacher of Technology" award in 2007.

Marzolf has taught in the district for 31 years, and is the chair of the Agriculture Department and advisor of the Forest Lake FFA organization. The local FFA chapter, under the leadership of Marzolf and Miron, was named the top chapter in Minnesota earlier this year, and for the past several years has named a Three Star Chapter, which places it among the top chapters in the nation.

Miron is in his sixth year of teaching in Forest Lake Area Schools, having taught students at the Area Learning Center, Century Jr. High and Southwest Jr. High and Forest Lake Area High School.

Having won the Minnesota state awards, both Marzolf and Miron are candidates for regional awards in their respective categories, and they could later be in line to receive national awards.