



# News Release

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## **Christopher King Receives Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence**

Christopher King, a Secondary Teacher at Alexander Mackenzie Secondary School, is a recipient of a Certificate of Achievement for the 2010/2011 Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence! The award is given to exceptionally innovative leaders who help students excel. Chris is one of 26 national recipients of the Certificate of Achievement which are handed out annually to teachers and early childhood educators in Canada.

Chris has taught at Alexander Mackenzie Secondary School for 27 years. He has devoted his entire teaching career to the betterment of students with special needs. He makes a large variety of assistive technology devices and software available to his students which enable them to be actively engaged in hands-on learning.

Chris was recently invited to attend a meeting with Ministry of Education officials where they asked to learn more about the Board's Job Coaching Program. This program helps to ease what can be a difficult and challenging transition for students from school to community and the world of work. Through the Job Coaching Program, run in conjunction with Sarnia Lambton Community Living, Chris has been successful in helping students find both cooperative education placements as well as work opportunities in their field of choice.

Chair Carmen McGregor stated, "On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I congratulate Chris on receiving this prestigious award and thank him for his continued and passionate dedication to our students."



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