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Urbana Middle School Teacher Wins State Award

Urbana Middle School can boast of having a state teacher of the year. Deborah Tamimie has won the 2007 Outstanding Teacher in Family and Consumer Science.

Tamimie received the award this summer at the Illinois Association of Career and Technical Education conference in Springfield, IL. The award recognizes teachers that have outstanding educational programs utilizing methods, techniques, and activities integrated into the curriculum that provides the stimulus for and give visibility to Family and Consumer Sciences.

"I was surprised and very honored to receive the award. It's important to me that other teachers of Family and Consumer Science respect how I teach the life skills that everyone needs," Tamimie says. Tamimie is also proud to teach family and consumer sciences saying, "Some of the most important things we need in this world such as food, clothing, shelter, and direction for our lives are the focus for the Family and Consumer Science curriculum. We teach the life skills to meet these needs."

Urbana Middle School Principal Nancy Clinton is happy for Tamimie's award saying, "One of the highest awards received by a teacher is recognition from your own professional organization. Deb truly deserves the award, 'Teacher of the Year', as selected the Family and consumer science teachers' professional organization. She is exceptionally hard-working, dedicated and always willing to assist her colleagues and her school. For Deb to receive an award of this magnitude speaks very highly of the quality of teachers we have at Urbana Middle School."

To speak to Tamimie, please contact Urbana Middle School at 384-3687.

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