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**Carl Casinghino from Suffield High School
Honored with 2016 NCTE Media Literacy Award**

Carl Casinghino from Suffield High School, Connecticut, has been named the winner of the 2016 Media Literacy Award, given by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). First given in 2006, this award recognizes an individual, team, or department that has implemented and refined exemplary media literacy practices in their school.

“Through media literacy curricula that I have developed for the Suffield Public Schools and international media literacy education publications and presented at regional and national events, including NCTE and NAMLE conferences, students are compelled to function as multifaceted communicators, media evaluators, and creators through multiple modes of expression. As will be expressed through the criteria of this portfolio, this includes modules in courses that I teach and in cross-curricular units that I have developed with colleagues, including English, agriscience, social studies, special education, world languages, and health teachers at both middle and high school levels. All of this work enables students to become competent writers, analysts, and producers through multi-faceted communicative platforms, including text, moving images, and oral presentation.

In the coursework that I have developed for my school system for nearly 20 years, students demonstrate mastery of the themes and skills of units through analytical and creative means. Moreover, during the past two school years, I was tasked with formulating a new multi-level media communications course framework that was being implemented in order to offer a new media technology program at the middle school level and to further media literacy and communications at the high school. This new multimedia communications program focuses on digital production as its initial core objective and its curriculum is based on the work that I have implemented at Suffield High School. The district central administration introduced this initiative to build on the successful high school program and to create a synthesized approach to media literacy in the district that benefits from the lessons of our high school program.”

Casinghino will be announced as the recipient of the Media Literacy Award at the NCTE Awards Session on Saturday, November 19, during the NCTE Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.

For more information about the NCTE Media Literacy Award, including past winners, see <http://www.ncte.org/volunteer/groups/mediacomm/medialitaward>.

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