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HEADLINE: Columbia Area Career Center instructor selected for national master teacher program

Newton “Dee” Crosby of Columbia Area Career Center, has been selected as a Project Lead The Way Master Teacher. PLTW is a nonprofit organization that provides transformational learning experiences to K-12 students and teachers across the country—through computer science, engineering and biomedical science. Mr. Crosby has served as a PLTW teacher at CACC’s PLTW Engineering program for four years. Mr. Crosby joins fellow CACC instructor Mr. David Hopkins, who is currently a PLTW Computer Science Veteran Master Teacher.

During PLTW’s immersive classroom teacher training and beyond, Master Teachers lead their peers through the curricular content and activities, and empower them to take on the role of classroom facilitator and coach. Throughout the year, Master Teachers offer ongoing support through online professional learning communities, e-communications and phone conversations.

“Columbia Area Career Center is proud of Mr. Crosby,” states CACC Director, Mr. Randy Gooch. “Not only are his talents being noticed in the classroom, but also as an instructional leader on a national level. The honor is well deserved.”

PLTW selected Mr. Crosby after a rigorous application and interview process. This year 90 teachers were selected from the more than 150 applicants to be Apprentice (first-year) Master Teachers. In 2016, the first-year Master Teachers will coach alongside a Veteran Master Teacher, before becoming Veteran Master Teachers in 2017. There are currently only 565 PLTW Master Teachers in the U.S.

CACC is a part of the Columbia Public School District and serves the community by providing the following education programs to a variety of ages including, but not limited to: career and technical education, personal enrichment, literacy advancement, workforce development and summer camps. For more information, visit www.career-center.org.

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[Photo attached: PLTW Master Teacher Mr. Dee Crosby assisting PLTW Intro. to Engineering student, Hunter Algya, age 15]



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