

2020 Outstanding Career and Technical Education Teacher/Paraeducator Team of the Year



Pictured left to right: Suzanne Kuban, PACTESP President; Michael Rescnete and Frederick Larison, 2020 Outstanding Career and Technical Education Teacher/Paraeducator Team of the Year, Machining Technology Instructor and Machining Technology Instructional Aide; Michael McDermott, Administrative Director, Indiana County Technology Center; and Wendy Chalmers, PACTESP Awards Chair

The machining technology program at Indiana County Technology Center (ICTC) has been filled to capacity for the last few years by students with a wide range of abilities; all excited to learn what machining technology can offer them. Mr. Rescnete and Mr. Larison have taught students in various disability categories, including specific learning disabilities, speech/language impairments, Autism, English Learners, hearing impairments, and other health impairments. Despite the challenges students may have encountered, for the past three years, 100 percent of the machining students have completed the program while scoring proficient or advanced on their NIMS credential assessments. In addition, 100 percent of the students have graduated and gone on to the military, a job, or a postsecondary program. Mr. Rescnete and Mr. Larison effortlessly work together to create an environment that is conducive to all students becoming successful and gaining as many skills as possible to make them all excellent potential employees in the machining/manufacturing industry.