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Greetings ND CTE Colleagues,

I am writing to you today to let you know about the Director's Award of Excellence and encourage you to nominate a worthy program from your school. This Award is an acknowledgement of superior career and technical education programs in North Dakota. Nominations may be from secondary, postsecondary or continued education in the areas of:

- ★ Agriculture Education
- ★ Business Education
- ★ Career Development
- ★ Family & Consumer Sciences Education
- ★ Health Sciences Education
- ★ Information Technology Education
- ★ Marketing Education
- ★ Technology & Engineering Education
- ★ Trade, Industry, & Technical Education
- ★ Special Populations
- ★ Educational Equity/Nontraditional Careers

More information and the online application can be found at:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NDCTE1/CTEDirectorsAwardOfExcellenceApplication>

Applications are due May 15th, 2026. Award winners will be recognized at the Annual CTE Professional Development Conference in August at Bismarck. Please consider nominating your CTE programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Gruenberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being particularly prominent.

John Gruenberg

Assistant State Director – ND CTE