

2009 Teacher of the Year Finalists 2009 CEAO Teacher of the Year Runner-Up



Vicki Gingas, Madison Correctional Institution has been selected Runner-Up for CEAO 2009 Teacher of the Year. Vicki joined DR&C in 1996 as a science teacher at London Correctional Institution. In 2002, she became the Horticulture Teacher at London's Camp and is now teaching horticulture at Madison Correctional Institution. Vicki has instructed horticulture at a vocational school in Illinois, two junior colleges in Illinois and Michigan as well as at Ohio State and Ohio Wesleyan Universities. She received her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Horticulture from Ohio State and her B.S. degree in Agribusiness and Natural Resource Education from Michigan State University. Community service is an important component of her life in and outside of the classroom. Her students have grown and donated flowers, vegetables, foliage plants and artificial arrangements to food pantries, domestic violence shelters, a halfway house, nursing homes, the VA hospital in Chillicothe and Children's Hospital in Columbus