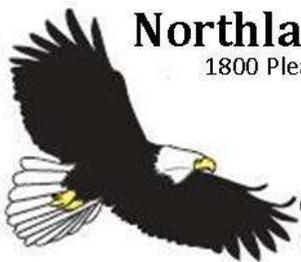


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## Local partnership receives “Standing Up for Rural Wisconsin” Award

MADISON, WI — CornerStone Custom Builders Inc. and Northland Pines High School Building Trades Partnership was one of nine projects to receive the “Standing Up for Rural Wisconsin Schools, Libraries, and Communities” award recognized by State Superintendent Tony Evers on March 12<sup>th</sup> in Madison.

“These projects support the foundation of their rural communities and help students find a place and purpose in their lives,” Evers said. “The individuals and organizations that have come together to create these projects have truly embraced the importance of keeping rural Wisconsin strong for today and into the future.”

Glenn Schiffmann - owner of CornerStone Custom Builders Inc., and Mike Richie - District Administrator for Northland Pines accepted the award at the ceremony held at the State Capitol. Mr. Richie was given the opportunity to explain the benefits we have seen from the students, staff, district, and community due to this unique partnership. “It was essential for us to keep this program for our students and community. We believed in it and so did the owners (and former graduates of the program) from CornerStone Custom Builders. By joining together, the Building Trades program has grown into a vital resource for our students and a rewarding experience for many local contractors. This program prepares and produces future builders, trade professionals, and business owners which are a few of the more prominent careers in our area.” stated Richie.

There have been 56 other award recipients since 2005 plus the 9 added in 2012. To view all the projects honored with the award this year see the DPI press release located on the Northland Pines website at <http://www.npsd.k12.wi.us/pressreleases.cfm>.

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