

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN

# Downers Grove North art teacher named Art Educator of the Year

Voelker to be formally recognized by IAEA during November Awards Ceremony

The Illinois Art Education Association has named Marty Voelker, art teacher at Downers Grove North High School, as its "Secondary Art Educator of the Year" for 2015.

The annual award recognizes a teacher's exemplary contributions, service and achievements in support of art education in Illinois. The IAEA noted that Voelker's work both inside the classroom, as well as with other teachers, provides "an extraordinary education" for the students of North High.



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**The Illinois Art Education Association recently named North High art teacher Marty Voelker "Secondary Art Educator of the Year" for 2015.**

"We know that the IAEA carefully examines a number of teaching qualities, such as creating a culture

for learning and an advocacy for the arts, when determining who receives the award," said Brayer Teague, fine arts department chair. "We are proud of Marty and this important recognition."

North High Principal Scott Kasik said Voelker has been a leader in hosting and encouraging students to participate in scholastic arts competitions

"He consistently brings out the best in his students by providing the instruction, support and encouragement for them to express their artistic talents," Kasik said.

The awards committee also noted that Voelker is as an outstanding contributor to the IAEA membership and the art education community as a whole.

Voelker will be formally recognized by the IAEA at an Awards Ceremony on Nov. 6.