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Lana Weiss Brown wins Crystal Apple Award

EAST LANSING, Mich. – Lana Weiss Brown of Bourbonnais, IL., has received the prestigious Crystal Apple Award from Michigan State University's College of Education.

Lana was among 21 outstanding educators to receive the honor during the Crystal Apple Awards Dinner Nov. 20 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. She was nominated by Cassandra Book.

Lana Weiss Brown is an educator of distinction whose life work has spanned teaching creative dramatics, dance and mime to students in grades 4-8 to teaching Rhetoric, Composition, Speech, Journalism and Radio and Television to high school students to teaching communication to community college students to currently supervising MSU teacher interns in Chicago. A consultant to corporate, nonprofit, business and education sectors, Ms. Brown is a highly sought motivational speaker and trainer of communication skills. She served as the Education Director of the Museum of Broadcast Communications in Chicago, the Principal Education Consultant for AT & T Broadband in Chicago, and Director of Public Relations for the Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School District. She was recently recognized by the National Federation of Press Women at their 2009 Communicator of Achievement Awards Ceremony as one of 15 finalists representing the State of Illinois.

The MSU College of Education's Crystal Apple Award honors educators who exemplify excellence and commitment. Teachers, professors, administrators and counselors – active or retired – currently or previously employed in a learning community, from preschool through the university level, are eligible to receive the award. Honorees need not be affiliated with MSU.

Gifts in honor of the recipients are given to the Dean's Excellence Fund of the College of Education, which provides scholarship assistance to worthy students. In this way, the legacy exemplified by Crystal Apple winners inspires another generation of outstanding educators.

Visit www.educ.msu.edu/development/crystalapple.htm for more information.

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