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PrintED[®] Program at Frederick County Career and Technology Center Awarded 2007 Frederick D. Kagy Education Award of Excellence

RESTON, VA, Nov. 28, 2007... The Ben Franklin Society, honor society of the Printing Industries of America/Graphic Arts Technical Foundation (PIA/GATF), named the Graphic Communications and Printing Technology program at Frederick County Career and Technology Center in Frederick, MD the recipient of its 2007 Frederick D. Kagy Education Award of Excellence. The award was presented to Program Instructor John Augustine at the Ben Franklin Society Black-Tie Induction and Awards Dinner on November 9, 2007, in Chicago, IL.

Mr. Augustine has been the graphics instructor at Frederick County Career and Technology Center for the past 15 years, which has been PrintED accredited since 2006.

“PrintED played a key role in earning this award. I place a strong emphasis on this national accreditation, which makes it easier to receive the funding required to keep the program current and relevant,” says Augustine. The program is accredited in *Introduction to Graphic Communications*, and *Press Operations*.

The Graphic Communications and Printing Technology program at Frederick County Career and Technology Center exposes its students to all aspects of graphic design and printing. “My goodness, are we a well-kept secret! Once students find out about printing, they're hooked,” states Augustine.

“Critical to the success of PrintED accreditation is its industry support,” Augustine adds, emphasizing that PrintED graduates enter the workplace with verifiable skills and a certification that students can take with them anywhere in the country.



John Augustine (right) accepts the Frederick D. Kagy Education Award of Excellence from Zeke Prust (left), Chairman of the Kagy Award Selection Committee.

About the Frederick D. Kagy Education Award of Excellence

Established in 1992, the Frederick D. Kagy Education Award of Excellence honors the distinguished career of Frederick D. Kagy, professor emeritus at Illinois State University. As one of the most active and influential leaders in the field of graphic communications and technology education, Dr. Kagy was an inspiration to thousands of former students and professional colleagues. Schools that receive the Kagy Award can choose up to \$1,000 worth of textbooks published by the PIA/GATF Press.

About PrintED®

PrintED, administered by the Graphic Arts Education and Research Foundation, is a national accreditation and certification program, based on industry standards, for graphic communications courses of study at the secondary and post-secondary levels. PrintED provides a career pathway for students to enter the workplace with verifiable credentials, or to pursue further education with college credit already in hand.

About GAERF®

The Graphic Arts Education and Research Foundation was created by the National Association for Printing Leadership, NPES The Association for Suppliers of Printing, Publishing, and Converting Technologies and the Printing Industries of America in 1983. These three national associations jointly own the Graphic Arts Show Company (GASC®). GAERF was created to channel a portion of the revenues earned by GASC-managed shows into projects supporting a strong future for the industry. For additional information about the Foundation and its programs, visit the GAERF web site at: www.gaerf.org or phone toll-free: (866) 381-9839.

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