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Maquoketa Valley Administrator Receives Statewide Award

Tracy Morrison, coordinator of school improvement at Maquoketa Valley Community School District, has been named the 2009 Central Office Administrator of the Year by School Administrators of Iowa.

“I was honored to learn that I had been named the Central Office Administrator of the Year. I am proud to accept this award on behalf of the wonderful team of people that I work with at Maquoketa Valley. It is a privilege to work closely with so many dedicated educators who keep students at the forefront of their decision-making. I sincerely thank the teachers, support staff, school board, administration, and parents that have worked with me in an ongoing effort to help our students reach their full potential,” Morrison expressed.

“Tracy Morrison excels in her efforts to work with the district’s teachers and principals to help all students grow academically. She is a leader in helping the district review student data and implement ways to strengthen teaching in areas needing improvement. SAI is pleased to recognize this exemplary administrator who has played an important role in the district implementing a character education program, being a participant in the Iowa High School Project for school improvement and receiving a preschool grant,” said Dan Smith, executive director.

Prior to becoming curriculum director, Morrison began her education career as an elementary teacher in the district. She received a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from William Penn College in Oskaloosa and her master’s in educational administration from the University of Northern Iowa.

She was nominated by her peers, selected for the award by a committee of Iowa central office administrators and will be honored at an awards ceremony at the state capitol.

SAI, a statewide organization founded in 1987, represents more than 2000 Iowa educational administrators. SAI’s mission is to support, encourage and develop Iowa’s educational leaders and learners.