CNE and Master CNE of the Year

Last year, Novell Education presented the first CNE of the Year award. This year, Novell Education presented both a CNE of the Year award and a Master CNE of the Year award. To be considered for these awards, candidates had to meet certain baseline criteria. For example, candidates for CNE of the Year had to have NetWare 5 and GroupWise 5 CNE certifications. Candidates for Master CNE of the Year had to be certified in at least two Master CNE tracks and have a NetWare 5 CNE certification.

In addition, candidates for the awards had to submit a success story that illustrated their success in selling or implementing a Novell product solution within the past six months. This success story also had to explain the benefit of Novell certification to both the individual and to the company. After carefully evaluating all of the candidates, Novell Education's Certification Advisory Council chose Laurie J. Teal as the CNE of the Year and Paul Anderson as the Master CNE of the Year.

CNE OF THE YEAR, LAURIE J. TEAL

Laurie Teal started her career as an IT professional more than 15 years ago when she began working with GroupWise, which at that time was still a part of WordPerfect Office. Talking about the value of her CNE education, Laurie says, “Throughout [those 15 years], I have experienced the most success in my career after I received my CNE.”

Almost all of Laurie’s work in the IT community has been managing large Novell Directory Services (NDS), GroupWise, ManageWise, and BorderManager accounts for both the state of New York and New York City. Her clients include state agencies such as the New York State Unified Court System, the New York State Office of the Attorney General, the New York State Environmental Conservation Agency, and the New York State Department of Education. In New York City, she has worked with the Department of Health, the Department of Investigations, and the Department of Housing Preservation and Development.

One of the many reasons Laurie was chosen as the CNE of the year is the fact that she has built an extremely successful career on pursuing Novell certifications and experience exclusively. Because of her focus and dedication to Novell products, she offers her customers specialized and effective Novell solutions.

In addition to having a CNE certification, Laurie also holds a Master Certified Novell Instructor (CNI) certification and two Master CNE certifications. By the time this article is printed, Laurie will also have completed the Certified Directory Engineer certification.

MASTER CNE OF THE YEAR, PAUL ANDERSON

In 1992, Paul Anderson began his career in the IT industry by taking a job at a computer repair shop. Shortly after beginning his job, the company Paul worked for purchased CNE self-study materials and encouraged their employees to use these materials. In just under two months, Paul received his CNE certification. Since then, Paul has earned nearly every technical certification Novell has to offer including GroupWise 3, 4, and 5; CNA 3, 4, and 5; CNE 3, 4, and 5; and six out of seven Master CNE certifications. Paul is currently working on his Certified Directory Engineer certification.

Today, Paul is president and cofounder of Novacoast, a computer consulting firm based in Santa Barbara, California. Through Paul’s knowledge of Novell products and his relationships with Novell employees, Novacoast has grown into one of Novell’s largest Platinum dealers. In the past year, Paul has had a great deal of success implementing Novell products and solutions. For example, a company recently asked Paul to settle a dispute over which e-mail package to use. Paul was asked to demonstrate the benefits of choosing GroupWise over a competing product to the company’s 100 users. After Paul’s presentation and a question and answer session, the audience gave Paul a standing ovation. One member of the company’s IT staff said, “I have never seen someone get an ovation during a software demonstration before.”

You can find out more about the CNE and Master CNE of the Year awards at Novell Education’s website (http://education.novell.com).