

## NSAII 2008 Awards

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The National Staff Association for Instructional Improvement (NSAII) met November 14-17 at Hilton Head, SC. Over 150 NEA and affiliate staff participated in the conference. At the conclusion of the conference, awards were presented in six categories with the Iowa State Education Association winning first place in two categories.

In the category of Collaborative Effort the first place winner was the Iowa State Education Association for ***Journey to Excellence Mentoring and Induction Model***. The judges said, *This entry is the complete package for planning, implementing, training and evaluating a mentoring and induction program. This is a stunning example of the type of commitment required across departments and associations to provide quality mentoring and induction programs. A particular strength of this project is the electronic documents provided on the USB Data Drive and the well articulated 'rubrics' of performance standards. The judges all agree that more and more mentoring programs need to include the use of tools such as these.* A plaque was presented to NSAII members, David Wilkinson, ISEA Teaching and Learning Specialist and Pat Shipley, Southwest UniServ Director. Others on the Journey to Excellence design team are: Mary Beth Schroeder Fracek, Iowa Department of Education; Mary Brooks, West Des Moines CSD; Pam Fields, Dubuque CSD and AEA 1; Sue Johannsen, Muscatine CSD; Jeff Johll, Dubuque CSD; Gail Myers, Keokuk CSD; Sue Swartz, Heartland AEA and Iowa Department of Education; and Connie Richardson, Loess Hills AEA.

