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Xap and Bridges Pay Tribute to Educators for Career and Technical Education Month

Culver City, CA – March 4, 2008 – During February's CTE Month, Xap Corporation and its subsidiary Bridges Transitions recognized over 50 outstanding career-technical educators who personify the important role career development serves in providing students with the motivation and skills needed to succeed in an ever-changing workforce.

Xap and Bridges would like to take a moment to acknowledge the following four exceptional career and technical educators:

Sharon Willingham, Edgewood Junior/Senior High School, Merritt Island, FL – Devoted to her students' success, Ms. Willingham received a grant for start-up funding to create career/college planning curriculum. Going beyond the call of duty, Ms. Willingham diligently works around the clock on a wide variety of projects in order to ensure that every student has a meaningful plan to achieve their goals.

Dr. Tony Fagbemi, St. Louis Public Schools Sumner MEGA program, St. Louis, MO – Bridging the gap between classroom learning and real-world experience, Dr. Fagbemi uses technology to bring abstract ideas into reality. Teaching a technology course without the assistance of any technology has propelled Dr. Fagbemi to new creative heights with teaching methods that have managed to inspire all students, including students at risk.

Sharon Hain, Red Mountain High School, Mesa, AZ – With over forty years of experience, Ms. Hain is recognized for her eagerness to obtain knowledge, execution of the latest technology, and suggestions for how to effectively integrate it into the classroom in order to better engage students. Ms. Hain has developed a program for refurbishing donated computers, allowing her students to have plenty of hands-on learning. She has also placed these computers in the homes of students in need.

Dennis O'Laughlin, Crawford Country Area Vocational Technical School, PA – Mr. O'Laughlin strives to help students understand the meaningful application of computer technology in their future careers. Often devoting his vacation time and weekends, Mr. O'Laughlin uses his own money to take students and their portfolios to some of the finest art schools in the nation, so they can be evaluated for acceptance and considered for scholarships.

In addition, there were three other career and technical educator finalists:

- **Connie Dickerson** – Westover Park Junior High School, TX
- **Linda Goodwin** – Coldwater High School, MS
- **Wade Williams** – Saugus High School, CA

"Career-technical educators play a vital role in helping mentor students to future success," said J. Michael Thompson, Xap's CEO. "Using our Choices online solutions, they are making a difference in student lives through inspiring, motivating and educating them about future careers."

As part of Xap and Bridges' efforts to thank career and technical educators, it is offering guest access to educators for a number of its products. For more information, visit www.bridges.com/cte.

About Xap

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