

PRESS RELEASE

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JET CONGRATULATES RANDY BACK ON LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

JET, which serves adults, dislocated workers, public assistance recipients, and youth ages 14+ on career paths to employment in a seven-county area of Northeast Minnesota congratulates Randy Back as the winner of the 2023 Lifetime Achievement Award. This was presented to him for his outstanding contributions to the wellbeing of families through service in the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) at the 2023 Minnesota Department of Human Services MFIP/DWP Tribal TANF Conference. Randy has been with JET for 27 years, initially as a Dislocated Worker client, then hired as a Career Counselor, and now has served as the Operations Director for nearly a decade. Marie Domiano, JET's Executive Director, states about Randy, "Throughout it all, he has been a servant leader, always



taking great pride in his role to help individuals, families, and businesses find success! Randy was nominated because of his dedication to improving the lives of families and children in northeastern Minnesota who are living in poverty. As a leader, Randy is known for his personal integrity, dedication to lifelong learning, and his positive outlook. Thank you, Randy, for your outstanding work ethic and commitment to high quality programming and service delivery!! Congratulations on this recognition – it is well deserved!!"

During Randy's early years with JET, he spent significant time traveling up the North Shore and in the Twin Ports area connecting with economic development agencies, businesses, and educational organizations developing a strong network to support job seekers in the region. When he was hired as JET's Operations Director, he continued his work in a greater capacity. He showed a true commitment to collaboration between service providers which has improved the service delivery of cash assistance programs for families in our region, making JET a leader and expert in providing employment services to MFIP/DWP families!

Both professionally and personally Randy has always been a role model for living a full life through his attention to personal health and fitness, being a triathlete & marathon runner for 44 years, and his dedication to family including his wife, children and grandchildren.

Celebrating almost 50 years in workforce development, JET serves job seekers including dislocated workers, people wishing to enter or re-enter the workforce, adults interested in training and education and youth ages 14-24. Services include career planning and exploration, personalized job search strategies, funding for postsecondary education, and financial resources to support job search activities.

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