

2010 Awards & Dedication Ceremony Celebrating a Spirit of Dedication

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On October 7, 2010, the Butte Central (BC) Education Foundation Board of Directors hosted a ceremony to honor and recognize the dedication, leadership and commitment to Catholic education by some outstanding individuals and families. The ceremony, which was held in the Cote Family Lobby and Reception Area at the Maroon Activities Center, was attended by a large group of Butte Central Supporters. [. . .]

[. . .] The final presentation of the evening was the 2010 Butte Central Catholic Schools' Distinguished Graduate Award, which is co-sponsored by the National Catholic Schools Association. The award was presented to Mike Thatcher from the BC class of 1977 and the North Central Class of 1973.

Mike was honored for his outstanding work as the Chief Executive Officer of Community Counseling and Correctional Services, a Butte - based, not for profit corporation, which provides local, state, and federal corrections and human services. Through Mike's leadership, the company has grown from 12 employees in 1983 to almost 600 employees in 13 facilities in 3 states. His company employs 350 people in Southwest Montana alone. Mike has been instrumental in the development of programs to serve both youth and adult offenders.

In addition to his professional life, Mike has emerged as an outstanding civic and community leader. He has stepped forward to organize several benefits for families and individuals in the Butte community. He is an advocate of youth and social activities in Southwest Montana. Mike and his wife Deb (Merritt) have been dedicated supporters of Butte Central Schools and have worked on numerous fundraising activities, including the Calcutta and Evening Auction. They are the proud parents of BC graduates Sarah (2000), Lindsay (2002), Kelci (2007), and Danny (2011). [. . .]