



News Release

January 28, 2009
[Nancy Livingston](#)
Public Relations
651-779-3222
Fax 651-779-3470

[Century College](#)
3300 Century Avenue North
White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Century College to Host Mary Beth Blegen, Former National Teacher of the Year

Century College will host Mary Beth Blegen, former National Teacher of the Year, at a free public luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 11:30 a.m. on the East Campus Lincoln Mall.

Blegen, who has worked as a consultant in the St. Paul high schools since 2001, will speak on the topic "Can We Get It Right? Kids and Schools in 2009."

In her work, Blegen is responsible for supporting teachers as they take responsibility for moving from the traditional model of high school to a more personalized, student-focused model. She works in the schools with teachers and leaders as well as being the liaison between the high schools and the school district.

While teaching history, literature, writing and humanities in her hometown of Worthington, Minn.,

Blegen was named the 1996 National Teacher of the Year. She then served for three years as the first-ever Teacher in Residence at the U.S. Department of Education from 1997 to 2000. During that time, she ran the National Teacher Forum, which brought together 120 of the nation's top teachers every year to discuss issues of teacher leadership.

The public is invited to attend this free event. A complimentary box lunch will be served. To RSVP,

please email Century special events coordinator [Sue Klecker](#) at 651-773-1792.