

CARLSON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE RECEIVES VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Jason Kley was honored with the top award at BestPrep's Annual Luncheon

Brooklyn Park, MN (5/20/16) – Jason Kley, Senior Integrated Wealth Advisor at Carlson Capital Management, was honored with BestPrep's 2016 Bunzel Volunteer of the Year Award for providing educational opportunities for students.

BestPrep is a Minnesota nonprofit founded in 1976 with a mission to prepare students with business, career and financial literacy skills through hands-on experiences that inspire success in work and life. BestPrep's six programs for student's grades 4 through 12 are built on the foundation that students learn best through active participation in experiential activities. This approach and commitment to connecting education with business resources has helped 1.3 million students become best prepared for life after high school.

Kley's involvement with BestPrep goes back nearly 25 years, beginning with his attendance of Minnesota Business Venture (MBV) summer camp, learning business principles and teamwork. Jason would later return to MBV as a Resident Business Leader, mentoring a team of students through their week. He now speaks in classrooms on financial and career topics and serves on the Financial Matters Ambassador Committee.

"I volunteer my time because I believe in BestPrep and am passionate about education youth about business, careers, and finances," Jason shared. "These programs allow me to give back to an organization that has given me so much, and has allowed me to make a further impact by providing financial education to our students."

The Bunzel Volunteer of the year award commemorates the efforts of Eric Bunzel, retired President of Cargill Ferrous International. Since its inception, the award has been presented to more than 20 individuals whose volunteer efforts and commitment to the students of Minnesota have been exemplary. Kley was selected to receive this award from a group of over 4,000 volunteers.

Kley received his Bunzel Volunteer of the Year Awards at BestPrep's 40th Annual Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis. More than 550 individuals joined BestPrep at the luncheon honoring the educators, students and volunteers from the business community, who have contributed to making BestPrep the premier educational nonprofit in

the state. The event featured a keynote address from David MacLennan, Chairman and CEO of Cargill on the constants of leadership in an ever-changing world.

About BestPrep

BestPrep's mission and programs are based on the belief that students learn best through active participation in hands-on, experiential activities. BestPrep six educational programs are designed to bridge classroom curriculum and the world of business, enriching the teaching and learning experience for Minnesota students and educators. For more information, visit www.bestprep.org.