

## ICIA® Educator of the Year Award presented to Maltese

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*First Annual AV Communications Excellence Awards Banquet celebrates the achievements of AV professionals*

The International Communications Industries Association, Inc.® (ICIA®) presented the Educator of the Year Award to Mario J. Maltese at the first annual AV Communications Excellence Awards Banquet, which took place on June 8 during InfoComm 04 week at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. Co-sponsored by *ARCHI-TECH* magazine and CMP Information's *Rental & Staging Systems* and *Systems Contractor News* magazines, the professionally produced, ticketed dinner event honored key professionals and companies in the AV communications industry.



Mario J. Maltese, CTS-D, CTS-I, an InfoComm Academy® faculty member, is CEO of Audio Visual Resources, Inc. of Williston Park, N.Y. Maltese has been in the industry for over 34 years, with extensive experience in AV systems design and installation, as well as the leadership and management of the engineered systems integration business. Maltese holds an MSEE (Stevens Institute) and a BSEE (Pratt Institute). He teaches at InfoComm Academy in both the Installation School and Design School; is an examiner for the specialized certification testing of Installation (CTS-I) and Design (CTS-D); has taught at InfoComm; and is a member of the Audio Engineering Society, the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and the American Society for Quality (ASQ). Maltese serves on the ICIA Professional Education and Training Committee (PETC) Curriculum and Certification Subcommittee, has a lead role on the Technical Committee of the ICIA Skills USA initiative for workforce development, and holds an Amateur Extra Class FCC license.

The Educator of the Year Award is nominated by PETC to honor an individual who works to develop the skills and knowledge of others in the AV industry.

The AV Communications Excellence Awards Banquet was a high-profile event at InfoComm 04, allowing AV professionals to celebrate the successes of leaders and pioneers in the industry. Held following the Manufacturers Industry Forum and Opening Welcome Reception, the banquet recognized outstanding individuals and products in the audiovisual industry.

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