

## Business & Industry Person of the Year

The 2010-2011 Business Industry Person of the year is Mr. Tommy Gillespie, Supervisor of Machine Shop Services in Duncan. Mr. Gillespie has supported our school through his interest and involvement with our Machine Tool Technology Program. Being a graduate of Woodruff High School, Mr. Gillespie has had a special interest in helping young people in the three school districts R. D. Anderson serves.

Mr. Gillespie understands the value of hard work and dedication in both education and in the workplace. During the years of work experience, he has recognized the need for on- the- job training and has made every effort to work with the Machine Tool Program at R. D. Anderson. His company has provided many valuable co-op experiences and scholarships for our students through the years. In addition, he has hired many R. D. Anderson completers. His company is currently co-oping six R. D. Anderson Machine Tool Technology students.

Mr. Gillespie has also played a valuable role in serving on the Machine Tool Advisory Committee for the past five years. Mr. Todd Rice, Machine Tool instructor at R. D. Anderson stated, "Mr. Gillespie not only works with students in developing skills but also mentors them on being a productive employee and a good person. He personally mentors them in developing good work habits and learning from their mistakes. My program would not be the same without his support."

Mr. Tommy Gillespie has supported our school and students in many ways and deserves this recognition. The faculty and staff at R. D. Anderson wishes to thank him for this support.