

FRIEND OF SCIENCE AWARD TO ELIZABETH MULKERRIN



Elizabeth Mulkerrin, Director of Education at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, began her career in secondary science education as a biology teacher in 1994.

Elizabeth received her B.S. in biology with an endorsement in secondary science from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln in 1994. She received her M.S. in school administration from University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1997 and is currently a doctoral candidate. Elizabeth is the recipient of the Nebraska Science Teachers Association Catalyst award, has written a chapter featured in the 2007 National Science Teacher Association Exemplary Informal Science Programs Monogram; and most recently was a featured keynote speaker at the Sino-U.S. science education forum in Shanghai, China.

Ms. Mulkerrin is responsible for establishing, promoting and maintaining formal and informal educational programs, developing educational graphics, managing over 500 volunteers, managing long distance learning programs, coordinating workshops for non-profit professionals, developing curriculum, and facilitating professional development workshops for educators.

Ms. Mulkerrin serves on several boards and advisory committees including Association of Zoos and Aquariums Conservation Education Committee, Metropolitan Science and Engineering Fair Board, National Informal Science Education Position Statement Committee, Glenwood Schools Curriculum Coordinating Council, and National Science Teacher Association Board of Directors. Elizabeth is strongly committed to science education and its future in today's society.