

CATALYST AWARD WINNERS

The CATALYST AWARD is given annually at the Fall Conference by the Nebraska Association of Teachers of Science. The Catalyst Award recognizes “contributions to science education in Nebraska.”

Nominations for the Catalyst Award are due June 1 of each year to any current Board member or officer.

2011

Dan Sitzman, Omaha North High School, Omaha, NE

Steve Waller, CASNR Dean, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

2010

Susan Hester, Bellevue Public Schools, Omaha, NE

Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, NE

2009

James Rynearson, Lincoln Public Schools, Lincoln, NE

Nebraska Scientific, Omaha, NE

2008

Aurietha Hoelsing, Omaha Public Schools, Omaha, NE

Sheree Person-Pandil, ESU #3, Omaha, NE

2007

Gayle Ellison, Lewiston Consolidated Schools, Lewiston, NE

Cecelia Dorn, Nebraska Academy of Sciences, Lincoln, NE

2006

Wanda Clarke, Omaha Public Schools/Omaha, NE

Elizabeth Mulkerrin, Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha, NE

2005

Suzanne Kirby, Clinton Elementary School/Lincoln Public Schools, Lincoln, NE

Roxanna Jokela, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE

2004

Ron Bonnstetter, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

Ed Brogie, Laurel-Concord Public Schools, Laurel, NE

2003

Judy Williams (Nebraska Junior Academy of Sciences/former teacher at Central City)

Marla Smith Imperial, NE

2002

Susan Koba (Omaha Public Schools; NATS President, 2000; NSTA Board of Directors, 2001-2004)

Carol Mitchell (Omaha Public Schools Banneker 2000/CEMS Principal Investigator; University of Nebraska at Omaha education professor)

2001

Jim Woodland (Nebraska Department of Education; GNATS Chairperson, 1984; member of NSTA Board of Directors, 1996-97)

Mid-Continent Research for Education and Learning, John Sutton and Deb Jordan

2000

Robert Curtright (Lincoln Northeast High School)

Al Musson (O'Neill High School)

Carolina Biological Supply Company

1999

Dave Gosselin (NESEN)

James McGahan (Grand Island Northwest High School, GNATS President, 1989, NAS President, 1997-98)

1998

Kathleen Jacobitz (Nebraska Junior Academy of Sciences)

Robert Reeder (Lincoln Public Schools, Science Teaching Chairperson, 1966; Co-chairperson, 1967, 1977-78)

Chuck Lang (Omaha Westside; GNATS Chairperson, 1983)

1997 and Earlier

Bob Kerrey (U.S. Senate)

Roger Carlson (University of Nebraska at Kearney)

Donn Carlson (University of Nebraska at Kearney)

Betsey Keane (University of Nebraska–Lincoln)

Lois Mayo (Lincoln Public Schools)

Dr. Lee Simmons (Director, Henry Doorly Zoo)

Valerie Blake, NAS Office Manager

Gary Brown (G.W. Brown Company, long-time supporter of NATS)

Karen and Charles Messenger (Nebraska State Museum)

Carl Wolfe (Nebraska Game and Parks)

Joe Dappen (Lincoln Southeast; Science Teaching Section Co-chairperson 1974-75)

Cecil William

Skip Anderson

Don McCurdy (NSTA President, 1980-81)

Mike Voorhies (Ashfall Fossil Bed)

Dale Rathe (Lincoln Public Schools; Science Teaching Co-chairperson, 1961, 1973-74, 1977-78, GNATS Chairman, 1980)