

Past WSST Award Winners

Ron Gibbs Award

Excellence in Science Education Award

Regional Teaching Awards

Frank Zuerner New Science Teacher Scholarship

Friend of Science Education Award

Administrator Award



Ron Gibbs Award

2025	Pat Arndt	Berlin High School
2024	Dr. Kevin Anderson	Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
2023	Karyl Rosenberg	Nicolet High School
2021	Dr. Kevin Niemi	UW-Madison
2020	Dr. Karen Mesmer	Baraboo School District
2019	Doug Johnson	Madison West High School
2017	Sue Whitsett	Fond du Lac High School, NSTA
2016	Shelley Lee	University of Wisconsin - Stout
2015	Bob Freidel	
2014	Richard Seng	Lake Geneva School District
2013	James Huhn	Watertown High School
2011	Steve Bower	Waunakee School District
2010	Pat Marinac	UW Stevens Point
2009	Larry Scheckel	Tomah School District
2008	Dana Krejcarek	Kohler School District
2007	Don Vincent	Madison Metropolitan School District

2006	Rachel Egan	Madison Metropolitan School District
2005	Wayne LeMahieu	Sheboygan Falls Middle School
2004	Bruce Smith	Appleton North High School
2003	Thomas L. Eddy	Green Lake School District
2002	Merlin Kardin	South Middle School, Eau Claire
2001	Al Stawicki	Morse Middle School, Milwaukee
2000	John Whitsett	Goodrich HS, Fond du Lac
1999	Sharon Nelson	Waunakee HS
1998	Dr. John Tonnis	UW-LaCrosse
1997	Gari Walz	Dodgeville
1996	Floyd R. Henschel	Beaver Dam
1995	Al Hovey	Madison
1994	H. Edward Dexler	Pius XI High School
1993	James Stewart	UW-Madison
1992	Frank Zuerner	Madison Memorial High School
1991	Jim Jagler	Sheboygan South High School
1990	Ben Thompson	UW-Eau Claire
1989	Bill Cary	Madison Memorial High School
1988	Alan Stenmark	Oak Creek
1987	David Braunshweig	Madison West High School
1986	Hal Liebherr	Nicolet High School
1985	Ken Dowling	Department of Public Instruction
1984	John Rusch	UW-Superior
1983	George O'Hearn	UW-Green Bay

1982	Bassam Shakhashiri	UW-Madison
1981	LeRoy Lee	Wisconsin Academy
1980	Archie Nicolette	Lakeland High School
1979	Ed Mueller	Neenah
1978	Don Dailey	UW-Superior
1977	Jon Harkness	Wausau High School

Excellence in Science Education Award

2025	Stacey Balbach - Cuba City High School Dr. Sara Krauskopf - Wisconsin Center for Education Research Jamie Lauer - Hartford Union High School
2024	Beth Allcox - New Holstein High School Kelly Steiner - Shorewood Intermediate School Stacey Strandberg - Divine Savior Holy Angels High School
2023	Terry Schwaller - Shiocton High School
2022	Dennis Rohr - Seymour Community High School
2021	Dr. Tanzeem Ali - University of Wisconsin - Superior Jennifer Bault - Nicolet High School Dr. Jamie Schneider - University of Wisconsin - River Falls
2020	Sarah Adumat - Oshkosh Area School District SuJean Choi - Marquette University Fran Grant - Grafton High School
2019	Travis Tangen - Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation Greg Bisbee - Arrowhead High School
2018	Jason Brazzale - Prescott High School Michelle Griffin-Wenzel - Germantown High School Laura Cerletty - Whitnall High School
2017	Eric Brunsell - University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Eryca Card - Elkhorn Area School District Constance Rauterkus - Oconto Falls High School
2016	Vic Akemann - Stevens Point Area Senior High School Matt Lindsey - Mosinee High School Brad Wysocki - Bloomer High School
2015	Becky Peppler Tim Neinfeldt
2014	Kathryn Eilert

	David Bergerson Stephen Franklin
2013	Dr. Michael Bechtel, LaCrosse Central High School Matthew Heer, East Troy High School Ryan Peterson, Brillion High School
2012	Jeffery Albarado, New Richmond HS Joseph Anglehart, LaCrosse Central HS Brian Bartel, Appleton West HS Michele Huppert, Spring Valley HS/MS Traci Marsolek, Eleva-Strum HS Dr. Kevin Mason, University of Wisconsin Stout Dean Simon, Kimberly HS
2011	Michael Mullen, Menomonee Falls Dr. Ann Batiza, Center for Biomolecular Modeling, Milwaukee School of Engineering Tammy Gerend, Sheboygan Falls Middle School
2010	Tim Corcoran, Stevens Point Area High School Ray Scolavino, UW Milwaukee
2009	Julie Fitzpatrick, Fond du Lac Tracy Swedlund, Medford Area Senior High Kathleen Westrich, James Madison Academic Campus, Madison
2008	Dale Basler, Appleton East High School Jack Blake, Brookwood Middle School, Genoa City Steve Bower, Waunakee High School Chad Janowski, Shawano High School
2007	Dr. Craig Berg, UW-Milwaukee Kay Coates, Dodge Land School District Scott Hertting, Neenah High School Dan Nelson, Medford Area Middle School Jim Weidner, Stevens Point Area Senior High
2006	Dawn Pfaff, Homestead High School Nancy AufderHeide, Einstein Middle School in Appleton Tim Wright, Stevens Point Area Senior High School

	Marian Schraufnagel, Mukwonago High School Scott Stankowski, Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School Greg Franzen, Appleton East High School
2005	Jennifer Walz, Oregon High School
2004	Kristin Michalski, Mukwonago Amy Dopp, Marshfield Cynthia Skinner, Crandon Tammie Niffenegger, Port Washington
2003	Richard Erickson, Bayfield High School Susan Harrington, Marshfield High School Rick Nelson, Ladysmith Elementary School Christine Pace, East Junior High, Wisconsin Rapids Jeanine Staab Gelhaus, Medford Area Middle School

Regional Teaching Awards

These awards were given prior to 2003 and preceded the Excellence in Science Teaching Award.

CESA 1

2002	Lynne McMahon John Bullen MS, Racine Corinne Mueller Kenosha Unified SD Wendi Muehl-Sabinash Port Washington HS
1999	Karyl Rosenberg Nicolet H.S., Glendale Kal Larson Nathan Hale H.S., West Allis
1998	Gerald Friday Marquette High School, Milwaukee Mike Felske Nathan Hale High School, West Allis Steve Carlson Greendale High School, Greendale
1997	Paul Hanson Milwaukee Public Schools Marian Schraufnagel Mukwonago High School Sue Wenzel Mill Valley School, Muskego
1996	Linda Kropp Frank Lloyd Wright Middle School Mike Olander Oconomowoc High School
1995	Laura Felda West Allis Central High School Caroline Joyce UW-Milwaukee Outreach Wendy Weiner Parkview School, M.P.S.
1994	Joan Ehn Menomonee Falls School District Peggy Mangan Whitefish Bay School District Sharon Saron New Berlin School District
1993	Joseph Balsano UW-Parkside Neal Eigenfeld Milwaukee Public Schools Larry Jozwik McKinley Middle School
1992	Chet Melcher Racine Allan Stawicki Morse Middle School-Milwaukee Myra K. Vachon Milwaukee Public Schools
1991	Barbara Salvo Washington Park High School-Racine

1990	Lloyd Hauge Irving Elementary-West Allis
1989	Leonard Dudkiewicz Homestead High School-Mequon

CESA 2

2002	Nancy Smith Waterford HS Peter Watts Riverside MS, Watertown
2001	Ernie Thieding McFarland M.S. Shirley Sklavos Badger H.S., Lake Geneva
2000	Joan Anderson East Troy HS
1999	Benjamin Senson James Madison Memorial H.S., Madison Peter Pauc Union Grove H.S., Union Grove
1998	Gary Lake WI Academy of Sci, Arts, Ltrs, Madison Timothy Peterson Marshall High School, Marshall
1997	Sister Mary Gertrude Hennessey St. Ann School, Stoughton Mark Poggensee Elkhorn Area Middle School
1996	Bob Friedel Riverview School, Silver Lake Don Vincent Madison West High School
1995	Jim Ableidinger Waunadee High School Eileen Nemec Mt. Horeb Intermediate Center
1994	Sharon Nelson Waunakee High School William O'Neal Jefferson Middle School-Madison
1993	Susan Johnson Monona Grove High School Ruth Paulson Monona Grove Schools
1992	Tom Reisenauer Marshall Public Schools
1991	Nancy Booth WI Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters
1990	Steve Lanphear Memorial High School-Madison
1989	Marilyn Hanson Memorial High School-Madison

CESA 3

2002	Roxanne Sundin Platteville MS
2001	Willian Massey
2000	Jon Mathieus Weston SD
1999	Russell Gilbert North Crawford Schools, Soldiers Grove
1997	Julie Shellhorn Boscobel High School
1996	Ken Kamps UW-Platteville
1995	Steve Stahlman Boscobel High School
1994	Charles "Chick" Westby Kennedy Middle School-Prairie du Chien
1993	Maurice L. Oehler Prairie du Chien High School
1991	Janet Finn Wauzeka High School
1989	Gari Walz Dodgeville High School

CESA 4

1996	Dave Amondson Central High School-LaCrosse
1995	Soterios Lallas Westby High School
1994	Ruth Amondson Onalaska Middle School
1993	David Myers Gale Ettrick Trempealeau High School
1992	Carol Gatzke Sparta Middle School
1991	Gary Checkai Central High School-LaCrosse
1990	Dorrie Tonnis Logan High School-LaCrosse
1989	Larry Scheckel Tomah High School

CESA 5

2002	R. Ryan Christianson Marshfield HS
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2001	Paul Herder Marshfield Senior High
2000	Lynn Hoernke Adams Friendship MS Steve Schultz Pittsville HS
1999	Karen Mesmer Baraboo Middle School, Baraboo
1998	Cynthia Kryda Marshfield Senior High School
1997	Kris Hughes Marshfield Senior High School
1996	Kathleen Nicholson Amherst Elementary
1995	Nedra Askey Sauk Prairie Middle School
1993	Robert Welch Waupaca Learning Center Middle School
1992	Barbara Splinter Marshfield Junior High School
1991	LeAnne Chase John Edwards School-Port Edwards
1990	Mary Williams-Norton Ripon College

CESA 6

2001	John Dobyns Freedom H.S.
1999	David Hackbarth L.P.Goodrich H.S., Fond du Lac Mike Anstett Omro H.S., Omro
1998	Thomas Eddy Green Lake School District Cam Kurer Mayville Middle School
1997	David Burbach Markesan High School Timothy Cox Berlin High School
1996	Donald Tincher Washington, Berlin Patrick Arndt Berlin High School
1995	P. John Whitsett Goodrich High School-Fond du Lac Donald L. Bogdanske Ripon High School
1994	Sue Dewing Goodrich High School-Fond du Lac Margie Winter Goodrich High School-Fond du Lac

1993	George Coulter Washington Jr. High School-New London Gary A. Krueger Wilson Jr. High School-Appleton
1992	Tom Southworth Horicon High School William Wendlandt Manawa Middle School
1991	Bruce Smith Appleton West High School
1990	Paul Kelter UW-Oshkosh
1989	Floyd Henschel Beaver Dam Jr. High School

CESA 7

1999	Jessie A. Good Kohler Public School, Kohler Sr. Michaela Melka Silver Lake College, Manitowoc
1998	Lynn Hudock Green Bay Southwest High School Catherine Riederer Urban Middle School-Sheboygan
1997	Joseph Breunig Preble High School-Green Bay Lori Walker Sheboygan Falls Middle School Dana Krejcarek Green Bay West High School
1996	Wayne LeMahieu Sheboygan Falls Middle School
1995	Holly Engelland Parkview Middle School-Ashwaubenon
1994	Curt Julion Green Bay East High School
1992	Eilene Mullen Preble High School
1991	Dave Kowal Chilton Elementary
1990	Bel Ellis Washington Jr. High School-Manitowoc

CESA 8

2002	Jean Murphy Rexford/Longfellow School, Clintonville
1999	Eve Suckow Colfax Elementary School, Colfax
1998	John Nevins Crandon High School

1997	Phil Schweitzer Franklin Middle School-Shawano
1993	Lillian J. Primmer Clintonville Longfellow Elementary
1992	Donald Primmer Clintonville
1990	Carmen Brown Washington Middle School-Oconto Falls
1989	Al Hovey Shawano Middle School

CESA 9

2000	Thom Hahn Prairie River MS, Merrill
1999	David J. Ley Mosinee H.S., Mosinee
1998	Wayne Kleinschmidt Marathon High, Marathon City
1997	Bruce Oxley Arbor Vitae-Woodruff Grade School
1996	Don Lutz Marathon Middle School
1994	James Frandy Lakeland Union High School-Minocqua
1993	Dawn Bassuener Rhinelander High School
1991	Carol Pollard John Muir Middle School-Wausau
1990	John Ihde Wausau West High School

CESA 10

1999	Kris Dimock Bloomer Elementary, Bloomer
1998	J. Scott Thiel Altoona Middle School
1997	Pat Kosher Cornell High School
1995	Catherine Anderson Delong Middle School-Eau Claire
1994	Michael Clough Memorial High School-Eau Claire
1993	Samuel J. Pastorello Eau Claire Area School District
1992	Karen Bejin Delong Middle School-Eau Claire

1991	Merlin Kardin Delong Middle School-Eau Claire
1990	Pete Donndelinghe McDonell Central High School-Chippewa Falls
1989	Stephanie Federickson Fall Creek Middle School

CESA 11

2002	Antonia Faye Velure Meyer MS, River Falls
1998	Robert Boone Menomonie Middle School
1997	Marilyn Duerst UW-River Falls
1995	Dan Hoffman River Falls High School
1994	Steven Schieffer Amery High School
1993	Jeffery A. Thomas Cumberland High School
1992	Carol Kettner Woodland School
1991	Don Byerly Amery Middle School
1990	Paul Varsho Menomonie Junior High School

CESA 12

2002	Dr. Robert Morden UW-Superior
1998	Lori Wasko Central Junior High, Superior
1994	Clayton Russell Northland College/Sigurd Olsen Env. Institute
1989	Dianne Parr East Junior High School-Superior

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2024	Brad Roost Jobe Youssi
2023	Tess Reimer Sophia Scaffidi
2022	Brantina daSilva Claire Bernatz Gen Gunderson
2021	Tiffany Lissick
2020	Courtney Knutson Amy Workman
2019	Ian Schwanda
2017	Cody Smith Sophia Wilson
2015	Amanda Eggert Spencer Rohlinger
2013	Kristin Wiesneski Eric Hill
2012	Dan Curran Brittany Rumphol Jon Willink
2011	Paul Bell Maggie Brown
2010	Jessica Brunette Jayne Francis
2009	Karla Lockman
2008	Pheng Lee Greta Voit

2007	Jill Bamke Jim Dennert Rebecca McDermid
2006	Katie Bahl Jason Brazzale

Friend of Science Education Award

2025	UW - Trout Lake Station
2022	Lab Out Loud
2021	AnnMarie Foundation
2020	Diane Munzenmaier
2018	Steve Beylon
2017	Michele Sadauskas (Conservationist for Oneida County Land and Water Conservation Department)
2016	Mark LaBabera
2015	Dave Kowal
2014	BioPharmaceutical Technology Center Institute (BTCI) Barbara Bielec, Karin Borgh, Ryan Olson
2013	Dr. Julie Stafford, WASDI
2012	Mr. Michael Lewandowski, Health Physicist, 3M
2011	Dr Tim Herman, Center for Biomolecular Modeling, Milwaukee School of Engineering
2010	Dr. Ed Belongia, Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield
2009	Sterling Strathe, University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, Leaf program
2008	Robert Friedel, VWR Education

2007	Dr. Lee Siudzinski, Experimental Aircraft Association (Oshkosh, WI)
2006	Wisconsin K-12 Energy Education Program (Wisconsin)
2005	Richard Breen (Wisconsin Rapids, WI)
2004	Jeannine Lord (Pine View Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center)
2003	The Gallagher Family (Capitol Sand & Gravel Co., Cross Plains, WI)
2002	Dr. Sue Theno (Einstein Project, Green Bay)
2001	Steve Callister (Gunderson Lutheran Medical Foundation)
2000	Dr. Gary Lake (Madison)
1999	UW-Sea Grant Project (UW-Madison)
1998	Wild Bird Center--Steve Mahler (Colgate)
1997	Walmart Sandhill Wildlife Area
1996	Mary Kay York (WIDS/DPI)
1995	Trees for Tomorrow (Eagle River)
1994	Dr. Raymond Kessel (UW-Madison)
1993	Center for Biology Education (Madison) Northern States Power Company (Eau Claire) Marquette Electronics (Milwaukee)
1992	DNR of Wisconsin (Madison) Bucyrus-Erie Foundation, Incorporated (South Milwaukee) WI Academy of Science, Arts & Letters (Madison)
1991	Cray Research, Incorporated (Chippewa Falls)
1990	Spencer Black (Wisconsin Legislature)

Administrator Award

2025	Sarah Blechacz - Wauwatosa School District
2024	Jenny Pierre - Seymour Community School District
2023	Laura Lundy - Medford School District
2020	Julie Conrad - Oshkosh Area School District
2019	Jill Kieslich - Ashwaubenon School District
2017	Jason Tadlock - Elkhorn Area Schools