2015 Master Teacher Schedule
April 1, 2015

10:00 a.m. Tour of the National Teachers Hall of Fame
Meet in Visser Hall, Room 212

11:00 a.m. “Memories of Yesteryear”
One Room Schoolhouse
Presenter: Dr. Scott Waters
Department of Elementary Education/
Early Childhood/Special Education

12:00 noon Dean’s Luncheon
Flint Hills Room, Memorial Union
Host: Dr. Ken Weaver, Dean of The Teachers College

2:30-3:45 p.m. Seminar – “Adapting to the Future of P-12 Education”
Jones Conference Center, Room 330, Visser Hall
Coordinators: Ms. Shannon Hall, Office of
Field Placement and Licensure
Dr. Roger Caswell,
Jones Institute for Educational Excellence

5:45-6:30 p.m. Social
Webb Hall Lobby

6:30 p.m. Master Teacher Award Dinner
Webb Hall
Toastmaster: Mr. Roy Mann, Development Director
Emporia State University Foundation
Bank of America
Master Teacher Award

Emporia State University established the Kansas Master Teacher awards in 1954. The awards are presented annually to teachers who have served the profession long and well and who also typify the outstanding qualities of earnest and conscientious teachers.

The university’s Administrative Council originally developed the Kansas Master Teacher Award program in the early 1950s. Dr. Everett Rich, former chair of the English department, was the driving force behind the program.

The program was first discussed in 1952. Because of the illness and subsequent death of President David L. MacFarlane in 1953, nothing was done to establish the program until the following year. In 1954, with the support of Dr. Don Davis, the chair of the division of education, and the approval of the new president, John E. King, the first awards were made.

In the early days of the program, numerous faculty members and others connected with the college were involved in establishing policies and procedures. Dr. Davis added “Kansas” to the name. Rich suggested “distinguished,” but that word was changed to “master.” Ray Cremer, business manager, promoted a monetary award for the recipients, but Dr. King believed that watches were more appropriate, so watches were awarded. C.O. Wright, executive secretary of the Kansas State Teachers Association, suggested that local teacher associations or similar educational groups make the nominations. Dr. Rich coordinated publicity for the awards across the state.

The Kansas Master Teacher Award program expresses appreciation for the generosity of Bank of America. Since 1980, it has pledged over $100,000 to permanently endow the Kansas Master Teacher Awards. Bank of America is committed to assisting Emporia State University in its efforts to acknowledge outstanding teaching.
Each year, local teacher associations and school faculties nominate candidates for the awards. In February, a committee representing educational organizations from across Kansas selects the winners.

The 2015 selection committee included Carol Pitts, Kansas Association of School Boards; Amy McAnarney, Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals; Sherri Schwanz, Kansas National Education Association; Jill Dickerson, United School Administrators of Kansas; Carol Strickland, National Teachers Hall of Fame; Kelsey Mueller, Kansas National Education Association–Student Program; and Bonnie Austin and John Bode, 2014 Kansas Master Teachers.

A committee of Emporia State University faculty and administrators coordinates local arrangements. The committee includes: Roger Caswell, Tyler Curtis, Brian Denton, Shannon Hall, Lori Mann, Sharon Mayers, Gwen Spade, Scott Waters, Ken Weaver, and Lucie Eusey, Chair.

Information concerning the Kansas Master Teacher Award program is available on the Emporia State University web site. Go to www.emporia.edu/teach/master for information about past and current winners and the application process.
The William A. Black Kansas Master Teacher Endowed Chair

In 1984, the Black family of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, established an endowed chair for Kansas Master Teachers. Each year, this permanently endowed fund provides a stipend for two Kansas Master Teachers to spend part of a semester at Emporia State University.

The master teachers selected teach classes and work with students who plan careers in education. The endowed chair provides a valuable experience for Emporia State students and a meaningful opportunity for the master teachers.

The William A. Black Kansas Master Teacher Endowed Chair was established by Marea Belfield Black to honor the Black family’s lifelong dedication to public education. The endowed chair is named for her husband, Dr. William Albert Black.

The late Dr. Black (pictured above) was born November 25, 1897, in Green County, Missouri. He received his bachelor’s degree in 1926 and his master’s degree in 1934 from Emporia State University. He received his PhD in philosophy, education, and psychology from the University of Colorado. Black was nationally known for establishing junior colleges and for his work in school finance and curricula.

During his career, he served as president of the Pueblo (CO) Junior College, director of junior colleges and curriculum for the state of Washington, and as the head of the department of education and philosophy at Pittsburg State University. In 1962, while at Pittsburg State, he received the Kansas Master Teacher Award.

Black married Marea Belfield on November 7, 1920. The Black’s son, William Vincent Black, was born March 31, 1922, and the family moved to Broken Bow, Oklahoma on March 1, 1973. Dr. Black died on October 12, 1983. Emporia State University is deeply grateful to the Black family for this generous contribution.
Students are the most important members of a school culture, says Carmen Cantrell. Putting that belief into practice every day has had a lasting impact on her former students, their families and co-workers.

One mother saw her son, who has high-functioning autism and ADHD, enter middle school so disorganized that it became a nightly chore to help him track his assignments to turn in the next day. Cantrell was assigned to help him.

“She got to know [him] as a person and learned how he operated each day,” the mother wrote. “She communicated with every teacher in every one of his classes — daily. She took over his planner. He dropped an elective so all his homework was completed during study periods under her supervision.”

But Cantrell didn’t “manage” the student. Instead, his mother said, “she taught him how to function in the environment by stripping down his responsibility to a bare minimum and then adding it back incrementally.”

By the end of the year, the student was keeping track of his own assignments and staying organized to complete his work during study halls.

Cantrell began teaching in 1971 in Missouri after earning a bachelor’s degree from Pittsburg State University in sociology with a minor in special education and psychology. In 1989, she earned a master’s degree in special education from The University of Kansas.

She joined the Shawnee Mission school district in 1986 and is now at Indian Hills Middle School in Prairie Village. Cantrell is a collaborative teacher in seventh- and eighth-grade English classes and a teacher mentor for a science teacher. She also is a member of and resource for Professional Learning Communities at the seventh- and eighth-grade levels in English, social studies and science.

For one former student, Cantrell was the inspiration for her own career as a teacher.

“She was my teacher, but she was also my ally when I felt that school was too much to handle,” wrote the former student, now a teacher for 13 years. “Even with all the help and guidance, she never lowered her expectations.”

“I went back and looked her up when I got my first teaching job. I wanted her to know that her hard work had paid off … and I was going to pass along her compassion and her high expectations for my students who struggled like I did in school.”
During her 35 years of teaching, Barbara Clark has been drawn to schools and districts with lower socioeconomic populations.

“These students come with such eagerness to learn and such excitement for all the opportunities ahead of them,” Clark said.

Clark received her bachelor’s in education in 1979 and a master’s of education in 1983 from the University of Florida. She taught in elementary schools in Florida and Texas and has been teaching at Northview Elementary in Manhattan, Kansas, since 2005.

For Clark, teaching is a collaboration allowing her to learn throughout her career from mentors in special education, administration and other classrooms. An early mentor taught her to hold high expectations for students and to look closely to determine what they truly need. This extra insight led to interesting lesson plans.

At one school, Clark said, many of her students were responsible for getting themselves and their siblings to school every day.

“I tried to weave the other skills that they would need in their daily life into the curriculum. I taught measurement lessons through cooking and baking. I taught them time by giving clocks to those students that needed them.”

Clark’s students often felt as if their classroom was a second home. One mother told how her son changed from not wanting to go to school to being excited about what he would be doing each day.

When she asked him what he liked about Clark, he said, “She treated me like I was her own kid, and when I accidentally called her mom, she always said, ‘Yes, son.’”

Other parents appreciate collaborating with Clark. “Mrs. Clark also does a great job including parents in the education of their children,” one parent wrote. “She sent a weekly letter to parents letting us know what lessons the class studied, and new lessons for the next week. She would include behavior compliments and things that needed to be worked on to make learning easier for the rest of the year.”

Clark feels a strong sense of responsibility to her students and knows effective teaching requires commitment outside the classroom.

“Ultimately I come back to the fact that exceptional teachers are exceptional in their classrooms on a daily basis,” Clark said. “The relationships, the experiences, and the memories we make are essential. However, it takes much more than what is done in the classroom to make a child’s education a quality education. We must be willing to become involved in the leadership and decision making in order to make a difference.”
History, government and social studies courses are more than a “bunch of dates and dead guys,” said Kori E. Green.

“In my classroom I mix history with current events and primary sources with technology,” Green explained. “Students need to be able to make connections between their reality and the past.”

Green chooses unique ways to help her students make these connections. One is to incorporate food into lesson plans. While studying the slave culture of the U.S. South, for instance, students discussed the typical rations received by slaves and made authentic, dry corn bread while discussing the importance of corn meal, along with molasses and greens.

Green attended Barton County Community College and Wichita State University before earning three bachelor’s degrees from The University of Kansas — women’s studies, history and secondary history-government education. She earned a master’s degree in history, government, social studies curriculum and instruction from KU. She joined the El Dorado school district in 2008, teaching seventh-grade Kansas history and geography for one year before moving to eighth-grade U.S. history.

Technology is key in Green’s classroom. For six years, her classes have participated in Just War, a project using computers to connect students in Kansas, New York and Virginia for online discussions of situations in U.S. history where war was a possibility.

Green’s passion for history and social studies and her ability to connect with 21st-century technology keeps students engaged.

One mother told of her daughter who dislikes social studies and history and her son who is connected to technology and disengages when faced with traditional teaching methods. Green was able to keep both students engaged.

“She utilized technology in the classroom more than any other middle school teacher in the building, in my opinion,” the mother wrote. “She is also a very boisterous, fun, energetic teacher who shows a passion for her subject matter. So, whether or not a student loves social studies, they at least get a kick out of her passion.”

That passion has stayed with a student from Green’s first classroom in 2008. The former student, who said he holds all of his history teachers in high regard, “realized Ms. Green is a huge part of why I love history. It is not often that you encounter someone who possesses a wholehearted passion for what they do.

“Her dedication permanently altered my life in wonderful ways,” he concluded, “and that is something I can never properly thank her for.”
At different times, according to Leslie McAfee, teachers share characteristics with parents and grandparents, serving as performers on a stage, cheerleaders, fun-loving compatriots and business professionals.

“Learn to relieve yourself of the exhaustive responsibility of the starring role,” McAfee wrote in an open letter to a new teacher describing her teaching philosophy. “Let your students become the performers and ease yourself into the role of stage manager.”

McAfee attended Kansas City Kansas Community College before heading to Kansas State University where she earned her bachelor’s degree in secondary education in 1976. She taught at Eisenhower Junior High in the Kansas City, Kansas, school district from 1978 until 1981. She began teaching at Piper High School in 1997.

From the beginning of her career, McAfee has incorporated techniques she believes will help her students regardless of what other teachers may think. She admits it wasn’t easy as she recounts her first month as a teacher when she arranged the desks into groups of three and four. A veteran teacher shook McAfee’s confidence with a simple statement: “Oh, I see we are playing middle school today!”

A perceptive administrator, however, told McAfee to stick with her instincts, and her freshman classroom continues to have desks in small groups.

Throughout her career, she has made a reputation of reaching out to those who feel overwhelmed — both students and fellow faculty — as well as making math accessible to her students.

Students who have left McAfee’s classroom continue to feel connected and seek her out.

“She was one of the few teachers who would take the time to help students even in other subjects,” recalled one former student. “I distinctly remember my senior year, Mrs. McAfee allowing a small group of us to hold a study group in her classroom for our college anatomy and physiology class during our free period.”

One mother recounted her son’s first day of high school after attending a parochial grade school.

“He was filled with anxiety and he would not even exit the car,” the mother wrote. “Mrs. McAfee noticed through all the craziness of the first day of school and students rushing into the school that there was a child in need.

“Because of her compassion and soft-spoken manner, he was able to get out of the car that day and walk into a world unknown to him.”
After nearly 40 years in the classroom, Bill McFarland has a concise teaching philosophy. “In a nutshell,” he wrote, “my philosophy of teaching is know your stuff, be enthusiastic, treat everyone with respect, be flexible and have fun.”

And McFarland is committed to sharing his philosophy and experience with future teachers. He has supervised more than a dozen student teachers and scores of education majors have observed his classroom. “I have learned from great educators and hope to pass on the very best I have to offer,” states McFarland.

McFarland earned a bachelor’s degree in history and education from Washburn University in 1977 and a master’s degree in educational administration from Emporia State University in 1986. His entire career has been in the Auburn Washburn school district, teaching at Auburn Junior High, Auburn Middle School and Jay Shideler Middle School before moving to Washburn Rural Middle School in 1990. He teaches seventh-grade Kansas history and geography. He is a former football coach and currently is a wrestling coach.

Parents and former students tell of McFarland’s ability to bring history alive in class. A Civil War re-enactor, McFarland wears his uniform to class and brings in relics to share. “He knows more about history than anyone I know,” wrote a former student. “He uses this tremendous knowledge to enhance his teaching. He does not just teach the basics, but he includes incredible stories and pictures.”

Many of these stories come from McFarland’s dedication to research. During his summers, he spends time at the National Archives and Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., as well as Gettysburg and other Civil War battlefields in the eastern United States.

Some of McFarland’s students create projects for History Day competition even after they leave his class.

“Last year at National History Day in Washington, D.C., he surprised me by coming to watch my presentation,” a former student wrote.

McFarland’s love of history and sharing it with others extends beyond the classroom. Author of the book Keep the Flag to the Front, History of the 8th Kansas Volunteer Infantry, McFarland is a frequent guest at civic organizations and other classrooms besides his own.

“Mr. McFarland has touched the hearts and minds of countless students. … My life has been enhanced on an academic and personal level due to Mr. McFarland’s passion, devotion and love for history and teaching,” writes a former student.

“I am so honored to have had him as a teacher.”
A young child, Reed Uthe delighted in coming home from elementary school and teaching his sister and neighbor children what he’d learned that day. As an adult, now teaching in the Blue Valley school district, he glories in reaching a much broader audience of students.

Uthe graduated in 1989 with a bachelor’s of arts degree in elementary education from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He taught in elementary schools in South Dakota before moving in 2000 to teach third grade at Valley Park Elementary School in the Blue Valley district. Since 2002, he has taught speech and drama at Lakewood Middle School in Overland Park, Kansas.

He earned a master’s of education degree in 2006 from Avila University in Kansas City, Missouri.

Parents and students who wrote in support of Utthe’s nomination praised his teaching skills, his dedication to students in and out of the classroom, and his encouragement that inspires students to do their best.

“Reed Utthe has a great sense of humor,” a former student wrote, “but more than that he has a real heart for how he treats his students.”

That student, who recently graduated with a degree in elementary education, credited Utthe as her inspiration for choosing a teaching career.

“He didn’t just make me want to get a teaching degree; he made me want to create a classroom where kids feel comfortable and happy growing and learning for a year,” she said.

Another student said Utthe had introduced her to the world of theatre, the one place she felt she truly belonged.

“Mr. Utthe truly cares for his students,” she said. “He opened his classroom after school for those who needed a place.... He made the school a second home, something I didn’t think possible.”

A trio of current Lakewood students wrote in joint support, “He creates an environment in which every student feels they can thrive and be themselves.”

The mother of three former students appreciated Utthe’s innate ability to connect with students no matter how diverse their personalities, backgrounds or experience.

“Somehow that dear man reaches every single one. He is like a middle-schooler whisperer.... he has a sixth sense about how to instill confidence and security in his students,” she wrote. “He is the sort of teacher you thank God your child had.”
Ginger Whiteside Steck incorporates her love of art and science into memorable experiences for students at Andover Central Middle School. The subjects “overlap and allow me to develop art projects that integrate science and correspond to the school curriculum,” she said, in a written explanation of her philosophy of teaching.

Steck received a bachelor’s of science in art education from Central Missouri University in 1980, certification in middle school science grades 5-9 from Wichita State University in 1999, and a master’s of art education with an emphasis in science from WSU in 2001.

She began teaching in Missouri schools in 1980, later moving to Kansas. After staying home with her children, she returned to teaching in 1999 at Anderson Elementary in Wichita and joined the Andover school district in 2000, teaching at Meadowlark Elementary for 11 years before moving to Andover Central Middle School in 2011.

Mathematics, foreign cultures and art history also work their way into Steck’s art classes.

Students test the properties of paper used in three-dimensional projects such as origami. They learn about Chinese culture creating paper and the Japanese invention of origami as an art form.

“My children and I remembered some of the interesting techniques and unconventional materials (Steck) used in favorite projects,” a parent wrote. “... I believe these types of projects have helped my kids think out of the box when doing assignments for other classes.”

The parent praised Steck for holding “Extra Art” before and after regular classes, to allow participation for students with schedules too full for art classes during the school day. “She also has held summer art classes at our local library.” Steck advocates for her students, making sure their artwork is displayed and recognized around the community in museums, libraries, banks and competitions.

At her summer “Guinea Pig Camp,” eighth-graders try new projects that may be used in the upcoming fall session.

“This woman is hands down the best teacher I have ever had,” said an eighth-grade boy.

A former student credited Steck for guiding her to a bachelor’s of science degree in design, emphasizing interior design and architecture.

“My love for art and design was generated at an early age due to the guidance of Mrs. Steck,” the University of Nebraska graduate wrote. “She helped me realize my potential and always taught me creative variations to the design process. ... I could not have asked for a better experience and mentor in learning my true potential in art and design.”
2015 Master Teacher Nominees

Marita Bachura, Morris County
Connie Belden, Butler Community College
Carmen Cantrell, Shawnee Mission
Barbara Clark, Manhattan-Ogden
Maureen Donegan, Olathe
Darin Fischer, Lawrence
Kambra Gallagher, Andover
Kori E. Green, El Dorado
Anne Marie Hageman, Topeka
Melissa Harlan, Madison-Virgil
Tawn Hawes, Dodge City
Denise Liby, Abilene
Leslie McAfee, Kansas City
Bill McFarland, Auburn Washburn
Barbie Norton, Blue Valley
Rita Phillippi, Pratt
Nyla Romeiser, Salina
Kelli Thissen, Junction City
Patricia Thorell, Hays
Reed Uthe, Blue Valley
Ginger Whiteside Steck, Andover
Past Master Teachers

1954
Laura M. Beichley, Ulysses
Harry H. Brown, Peabody
Lucy Headrick, Winfield
Ira Laidig, Oberlin
Edith Ellen Means, Princeton
Violet Randolph, Atchison
Grace E. Stewart, Salina

1955
Redicia Engholm, Topeka
Edna Mason Golladay, Wichita
Gaye Iden, Arkansas City
Gussie Mootz, Dodge City
Elsie Olson, Marysville
M. F. Stark, Hiawatha
Dr. John Twente, University of Kansas

1956
Florence K. Belding, Iola
Dr. Jane M. Carroll,
Pittsburg State University
Clifford H. Dresher, McPherson
John E. Humphreys, Ashland
Mamie D. Mellinger, Emporia
Katie Puls, Attica
Audrey Smith, Goodland

1957
Teresa McDonald Coffey, Axtell
Dr. Maud Ellsworth,
University of Kansas
Una Funk, Council Grove
Mildred P. Parker, Hutchinson
Dr. Clyde U. Phillips,
Fort Hays State University
Ruth Flory Sexton, Howard
Katherine A. Tucker, Topeka

1958
Mildred Cunninham, Parsons
Myrrl Houck, El Dorado
Julian A. Johnson, Buhler
Edward D. Kroesch, Hoisington
Dr. Minnie M. Miller,
Emporia State University
Elsie N. Parrish, Concordia
Maude Thompson, Marion

1959
Henrietta Courtwright, Arkansas City
Nettie May Davis, Winchester
Paul R. Dick, Oakley
Ethlyn Hamlin, Fort Scott
Robert H. Pool, Larned
D. Ruth Thompson, Sterling
Jane Townsend, Girard

1960
Eula Bridger, Kansas City
Mary Louise Gritten, Bird City
Lena Carl, Holcomb
Owen E. Hodgson, Salina
Opal Jayne Kennedy, Lawrence
Pauline Shockley, Wellington
Blanch Smith, Pittsburg
* C. O. Wright, Topeka, KSTA

1961
Reba Anderson, Hutchinson
George D. Caldwell, Iola
Lydia Haag, Dodge City
Larry Ling, Liberal
Dorothy McPherson, Coffeyville
Jane E. Roether, Junction City
Ruth Socolofsky, Manhattan
1962
Dr. William A. Black, Pittsburg State University
Eunice McGill, Sterling College
Nellie McGuinn, Kansas City
Owen R. McNeil, Peabody
Ella C. Shearer, Beloit
Marie Therkelsen, Independence
William D. Wolfe, Lawrence

1963
May Gruver, Augusta
Alta Hendrickson, Oakley
Walter M. Ostenberg, Salina
Pearl Peterie, Kinsley
Phebe Scott, Derby
Martha Steele, Goodland
Charles E. Strange, Wichita

1964
Dan Foster, LaCrosse
Mary Hunholz, Manhattan
Ermdan Johnson, Turner
Loma Mack, Madison
Bernadine Sitts, Garden City
Lillie Elizabeth Studt, Glasco
Dewey E. Wolgast, Marysville
* Ruth Stout Wright, Topeka

1965
Rebecca Bloodworth, Kansas City
Bryce H. Glecker, Dodge City
Mabel Lacey, Gorham
Hazel Lee Simmons, Lawrence
Floyd C. Smith, Iola
Dorothy Vaughn, Neodesha
Ethel Yantis, Howard

1966
Eva M. Chalfant, El Dorado
Louis A. Coppoc, Belpre
Helen Glaser, Coffeyville
Evelyn Harper, Atchison
Maurice Little, Goodland
Ione Ramey, Olathe
Wesley E. Simpson, Salina

1967
Dr. J. W. Breukelman, Emporia State University
Lois Hogue, Pratt
Dr. Perva M. Hughes, Pittsburg State University
Winifred Jennings, Shawnee
Jean Jones, Topeka
Florence Miller, Iola
Cecil E. Smith, Pittsburg
* Adel F. Throckmorton, Wichita, State Superintendent

1968
Arley A. Bryant, Concordia
Lottie Carver, Mulvane
Alice Ham, Hutchinson
Hazel Miller, Emporia
Irma Minden, Paola
Gladys Peterson, Lindsborg
Doris Stith, Bonner Springs

1969
Kelso Deer, Hoisington
Marguerite Hackney, Iola
Joe W. Ostenberg, McPherson
Theodore Palmquist, Turner
Maxine Sebelius, Northern Valley
Joy Wigginton, El Dorado
Lonnie Wood, Northern Valley
* Dr. Alex Daughtry, Emporia State University

1970
Ralph Dennis, Olathe
John England, Pittsburg
Gladys Kaump, Dodge City
Thomas Kelley, Hutchinson
Lois Patton, Great Bend
Albert Riedel, Hays
Mary Ellen Sissman, Eureka
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<th>Year</th>
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| 1971 | Dr. Kenneth Anderson, University of Kansas  
Earl Bevan, Pittsburg  
Helen Case, El Dorado  
Carl Clinesmith, Fort Scott  
Herman Grundy, Kansas City  
Betty Jackson, Colby  
Margaret Jagger, Minneapolis  
* F. L. Schlagle, Kansas City |
| 1972 | Joseph L. Bourneville, Pittsburg  
Robert Burnett, Colby  
Gerald Goacher, Topeka  
Carl A. James, Emporia  
Catherine Johannsen, Kansas City  
Dr. Margaret Parker, Pittsburg State University  
Leona Velen, Manhattan  
* F. Royd Herr, Topeka, State Dept. of Education |
| 1973 | Mildred Barber, Concordia  
Dr. Elton W. Cline, Pittsburg State University  
Marie Hieger, El Dorado  
Anna Hurty, Hutchinson  
Rachel Leist, Fort Scott  
Allen L. Unruh, Ottawa  
Marjorie Vieux, Atwood |
| 1974 | Wanda Franzen, Emporia  
Arlene Garrett, Hugoton  
Ruben Grose, Hutchinson  
Louis Hayward, Eureka  
Clyde Johnson, Leavenworth  
Esther Overman, Columbus  
Norris Sayre, Ensign |
| 1975 | Vernon Hastert, Ulysses  
J. Paul Jewell, Kansas City  
Betty Dutton, Alta Vista  
Iram Teichgraeber, Chapman  
Marion Klema, Salina  
Ernest Nelson, Pittsburg  
Rozella Swisher, Kansas City |
| 1976 | Charlotte Doyle, Manhattan  
Harry Hart, Emporia  
Glennis Lindsey, Hutchinson  
Frances Raines, Winfield  
Dr. Richard Roahen, Emporia State University  
Darlene Theno, Basehor  
Eleanor White, Dodge City  
* Dr. James A. McCain, President, Kansas State University |
| 1977 | Jean Curl, Kansas City  
Fred Deyoe, Dodge City  
Joan Hanna, Winfield  
Shirley Longfellow, El Dorado  
Martha McReynolds, Burlington  
Gene Russell, Galena  
Dan Tewell, Pittsburg  
* Dr. William Edwards, Emporia State University |
| 1978 | Dennis L. Ary, Topeka  
Erma Lang Dow, Eureka  
Harold Hardy, Pittsburg  
Dr. Robert R. Noble, Pittsburg, PSU  
Milton Senti, Pratt  
Patricia J. Teel, Columbus  
Eugene Wiltfong, Norton  
* Dr. A. Truman Hayes, Emporia State University |
| 1979 | Gerald E. Barkley, Galena  
Wendell Hodges, Anthony  
Eleanor Kee, Coffeyville  
Clifton McWaid, Kansas City  
Loren E. Riblett Sr., Wamego  
Cynthia Schrader, Alta Vista  
William Warner, Manhattan  
* Dr. Everett Rich, Emporia State University |
1980
Harold Balzer, Buhler
Raymond Goering, Salina
Lucille Luckey, Dodge City
Mary Remington, Pittsburg
Patricia Samuelson Bonds, Emporia
James R. Smith, Olathe
Paul Willis, Topeka

1981
Mary Chase, Andover
Mary Lou Davis, Dodge City
Marguerite Flick, Winfield
Don Miller, Fort Scott
Deloris Jean Osger, Eureka
Chester Peckover, Buhler
Byron Smith, Anthony

1982
Dorothy Arensman, Dodge City
Frances Kohrs, Fort Scott
Bill Saunders, Garden City
Marjory Pease Sharp, Pittsburg
Patricia Tippin, Manhattan
Kenneth Trickle, Jr., Salina
Elizabeth Voorhees, Emporia

1983
Catherine Ann Brown, Emporia
Elaine Fowler Bryant, Pittsburg
Betty Holderread, Newton
Lois McLure, Kingman
Barry L. Schartz, Kingman
Sally Shipley, Kansas City, Mo.
Doris Velen, Manhattan

1984
Robert Coffman, Chase
Frances Lou Disney, Great Bend
Stephen R. Germes, Dodge City
Thomas Hedges, Pittsburg
Don L. Mason, Kingman
• Dottie McCrossen, Ottawa
• Joan Spiker, Manhattan
* Dr. John Visser, President,
Emporia State University

1985
Bob Anderson, Manhattan
Ken Carothers, Wellington
Thomas Fowler, Emporia
Charlotte McDonald, Olathe
• Lana Scrimsher Oleen, Manhattan
Barbara Shinkle, Pratt
Sharon Willis, McPherson
* Dr. John E. King, President,
Emporia State University

1986
Jill Burk, Manhattan
Richard G. Dawson, Kansas City
Frank B. Evans, Dodge City
Dr. Jim Gill, Stilwell
Harry Heckethorn, McPherson
Sally Six Hersh, Lawrence
Helen Owens, Derby
* Dr. Fred Markowitz,
Emporia State University

1987
Roger D. Brannan, Manhattan
Jackie Engel, McPherson
Dr. Nick Henry,
Pittsburg State University
Dr. Eloise Beth Lynch, Salina
• Marie Peterson, Oakley
• Joyce Rucker, Pratt
Dr. Sandra J. Terril, Salina
* Dr. John Webb,
Emporia State University

1988
• Carol S. Adams, Manhattan
Donald G. Buhler, Pratt
Robert Hottman, Anthony
Carolyn Clevenger Kuhn, Emporia
Michael S. Rush, Osawatomie
Bonnie Weingart, Fort Riley
Martha Zakrzewski, Hays

KANSAS MASTER TEACHER AWARD
1989
Tanya Channell, Hays
Max Ferguson, Medicine Lodge
Lois Schweitzer Gray, Pratt
Carolyn Koch, Emporia
Ada Ligia R. Paquette, Junction City
* Mary Anne Trickle, Salina
* Gary Wilkerson, Derby
* Dr. Darrell Wood, Emporia State University

1990
Dr. Thomas Christie, Lawrence
* Gretchen Davis, Overland Park
* Dr. E. Sutton Flynt, Pittsburg State University
* James Gardner, El Dorado
* Ralph E. Mock, Council Grove
* Allen K. Scheer, Westmoreland
* Beverliann Wolf, Derby

1991
Deena L. Horst, Salina
Kenneth R. Kennedy, Pratt
Sherryl L. Longhofer, Topeka
* Susan F. McKinney, Emporia
* Kenneth R. Stith, Dodge City
* Valarie S. Tims, Pittsburg
* Helen A. Wagner, El Dorado

1992
Beth Bergsten, Junction City
Ernest L. Brown, Wakeeny
* Irma Jean Fallon, Manhattan
* Diane Low, Lawrence
* Ethel Marie Peterson, Dodge City
* Alana Kay Sewell, Pratt
* Joyce Ann Sinn, Fort Scott

1993
Mickey L. Bogart, Manhattan
Carol J. Brandert, Salina
Mary Alice Gordon, Lawrence
Kathy Ann Ramsour, Dodge City
* William M. Scott, Wakeeeney
* Alice M. Shaffer, Overland Park
* Glenda S. Watkins, Paola
* Dr. Daryl Berry, Emporia State University

1994
Norma Bynum West, Dwight
* Diane Prell, Derby
* Myron E. Schwinn, Manhattan
* Connie J. Viebrock, Olathe
* Kathryn E. Taylor, Emporia
* Anne Nettleton, Salina
* Garold Robert Billionis, Fort Scott
* Dr. Robert Glennen, President, Emporia State University

1995
Cathy Colborn, Medicine Lodge
* Joseph P. Glotzbach, Council Grove
* John B. Harclerode, Emporia
* Diana E. Harris, Pratt
* Patrick R. Lamb, Manhattan
* Tom Schwartz, Abilene
* Jo Ann Schuette, Wichita

1996
Doyle D. Barnes, Manhattan
Margaret Coggins, Lawrence
* Catherine Ecroyd, Ottawa
* Jacquelyn Faye Fiest, Dodge City
* Millie P. Moye, Salina
* Janice Reutter, Medicine Lodge
* Nancy Robohn, Emporia

1997
Lisa Artman Bietau, Manhattan
JoLene Rae Bloom, Seneca
* Patricia Gnau, Blue Valley
* Mike Harvey, Pratt
* Darla J. Mallein, Emporia
* Renita Ubel, Ottawa
* Randall J. Warner, Olathe
* Dr. Jack D. Skillett, Emporia State University

1998
Brian “Chip” Anderson, Lawrence
Janeen Brown, Wakeeny
Candy Birch, Olathe
Elizabeth Cronemeyer, Tonganoxie
* Floyd “Stan” Standridge, Salina
* Shirley Stein, Ulysses
* Carol Strickland, Emporia
1999
• Michelle DiLisio, Chanute
Mary Machin Hemphill, Manhattan
• Judy Humburg, Andover
Mary Porterfield, Goodland
Linda Maxine Stelzer, Pratt
Phillip Theis, El Dorado
Curt C. Vajnar, Hays
* Dr. Andy Tompkins, Topeka

2000
Kay Parks Bushman Haas, Ottawa
• Tracy Jo Kerth, Overland Park
• Michael R. Schainost, Osawatomie
Roberta (Robbie) Thomas, Andover
Robert James Tindel, Pittsburg
Deborah B. Werten, Overland Park
Goldie Wood, Dodge City

2001
• Cathy Esquibel, Dodge City
Jeanne Evans, El Dorado
• Betty Lavery, Stilwell
Leona Madden, Hays
Margaret McClatchey,
Overland Park
Rosemary A. Riordan, Lenexa
Jane Sak, Overland Park
* Jerry Long, Assoc. Dean,
Emporia State University

2002
Bev Bertolone, Blue Valley
Barbara Fowler, Emporia
• Sue Givens, Pratt
Christine Herald, Manhattan
Dee A. Moxley, Andover
Jan Prather, El Dorado
• Alexander Specht, Osawatomie

2003
• Tina Buck, Medicine Lodge
Matt Copeland, Topeka
Connie Ferree, Emporia
• Connie Healey, Stilwell
Pamela Kilgariff, Pratt
Barbara Tims, Pittsburg
Carol Woydziak, Dodge City

2004
Mary Elizabeth Baker, Andover
Luana Bitter, Pratt
Patricia Grzenda, Lawrence
Nicki Hancock, Olathe
• Greg Mittman, Valley Center
• Devra Parker, Medicine Lodge
• Patricia Weidert, Emporia
* William Samuelson,
Emporia State University

2005
Mary Van Dyke, Atchinson
Ken Garwick, Manhattan
• Connie Neeneman, Dodge City
Sandy Hardesty, Topeka
Kathryn L. Reschke, Olathe
Kimberly Thomas, Wichita
• Larry Wayland, Blue Valley

2006
Jo Ellen Dambro, Emporia
Karla Ewing, Pratt
Elaine Bertels-Fasulo, Olathe
Sherry Hutchcraft, Dodge City
Vicki O’Neal, Baxter Springs
• Bob Peterson, Butler County
Community College
• Marilyn K. Vaughan, Leawood
* Kay Schallenkamp, President,
Emporia State University

2007
• Rob Davis, Blue Valley
Robin Dixon, Auburn-Washburn
Shelley Faerber, Manhattan-Ogden
Diane Ladenburger, Pratt
• Marilyn McComber, Emporia
Angela Miller, Junction City
Elouise Miller, Hays
* Tes Mehring, Dean,
Emporia State University
2008
Alice Bertels, Auburn-Washburn
Lisa Colwell, Hays
Lori Goodson, Wamego
Rhonda Hassig, Blue Valley
- Deborah Nauerth, Manhattan-Ogden
- Shannon Ralph, Dodge City
Kenna Reeves, Emporia State University

2009
- Kenneth J. Bingman, Blue Valley
- Lynne “Christy” Boerner, Wamego
- Barbara Duffer Cole, Shawnee Heights
- Beverly Steele Furlong, Gardner-Edgerton
- Jeline Harclerode, Emporia
- Barbara McCalla, Augusta
- Sarah Smith Meadows, Topeka

2010
Eleanor Browning, Emporia
- Kathy Doussa, Dodge City
- Michael Dunlap, Blue Valley
- Lou Ann Getz, Manhattan-Ogden
- Sheila Lewis, Shawnee Heights
- Andrea Saylor-Siefkes, St. John/Hudson
- Kassie Shook, Lawrence
* Scott Irwin, Emporia State University

2011
Sonda Copeland, Manhattan-Ogden
- Teresa Disberger, Council Grove
- Martha Hadsall, Anthony-Harper
- Rick Hildebrand, Barnes-Hanover-Linn
- Nancy Pence, Blue Valley
- Janice Romeiser, Emporia State University
- Marcia Troutfetter, Salina

2012
Shelley Aistrup, Manhattan-Ogden
- Cindy Ehrstein, Andover
- Sandra Gonsher, Blue Valley
- Kendra Metz, Lawrence
- Katrina Paradis, Salina
- Jodi Testa, Geary County
- Marc Woofter, Dodge City

2013
Julianne Bliese, Olathe
- Michelle Lynn Bogner, Dodge City
- Kathleen Bowen, Lawrence
- Kacie Evans, Morris County
- Kelley Norman, Topeka
- Michele Ann Palmgren, Salina
- Tara Walrod, Blue Valley

2014
- Bonnie Austin, Dodge City
- John V. Bode, Lawrence
- Lori Gunzelman, Andover
- Signe Truelove, Emporia
- Carla Varner, El Dorado
- Kathleen Wilhite, Olathe
- Maria Worthington, Blue Valley

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