

65th Annual

KANSAS
MASTER
TEACHER
AWARD

April 4, 2018



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2018 Master Teacher Schedule

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- 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**
The Gufler Mansion, 612 West 12th Avenue, Emporia
Host: Dr. Ken Weaver
Dean of The Teachers College
- 2:30-3:45 p.m.** **Seminar – “The Changing Face of Education”**
Jones Conference Center, Room 330, Visser Hall
Coordinators: 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
Emcee: Sue Givens, 2002 Kansas Master Teacher
Superintendent, El Dorado Public Schools
2017 Distinguished Alumna, ESU

Bank of America Kansas Master Teacher Program

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, they have

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. Since 2016, an additional \$8,000 per year has been given by Bank of America Charitable Foundation to further support the program and provide each Kansas Master Teacher with a \$1,000 stipend for professional development.

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 2018 selection committee included Janet Stramel, Kansas Association of Colleges of Teacher Education; Patrick Schroeder, Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals; Donna Zerr, Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals; Carol Pitts, Kansas Association of School Boards; Deena Horst, Kansas State Board of Education; Mark Farr, Kansas National Education Association; Paul Reichenberger, Student Representative; and Joan Hayden and Kimberly Hett, 2017 Kansas Master Teachers.

A committee of Emporia State University faculty and administrators coordinates local arrangements. The committee includes Roger Caswell, Shannon Hall, Lori Mann, Roy 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 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 Kansas State Teachers College. He received his Ph.D. 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.

2018 Master Teacher Nominees

Connstance Allmond, USD 490 El Dorado

Kathleen C. Bastin, USD 259 Wichita

Julie Ann Battaglia, USD 497 Lawrence

Deanna K. Burton, USD 383 Manhattan Ogden

Abby Cornelius, USD 229 Blue Valley

Erik Elias Erazo, USD 233 Olathe

Jonathan Eshnaur, USD 305 Salina

Todd Flory, USD 385 Andover

Chitra Harris, USD 259 Wichita

Caitlin Linck, USD 385 Andover

Matthew Irby, USD 253 Emporia

Mary Anne Maupin, USD 385 Andover

Tina Marie McIver, USD 417 Morris County

Kimberly S. Schneweis, USD 489 Hays

Donna Hutton Szymkowski, USD 229 Blue Valley

Erica Teran, USD 443 Dodge City

Veronica Wait, USD 475 Geary County



Connstance Allmond

High Incidence/Intellectual Disability Teacher
El Dorado Middle School
USD 490 El Dorado

“I do not believe in limiting student achievement,” states Connstance Allmond. “*Can’t* is not a word I want to hear.”

An intellectual disability teacher for Grades 6-8, Allmond teaches at El Dorado Middle School, where she has worked for nearly 20 years. She earned a bachelor’s degree in education from Emporia State University in 1999 and a master’s in education from Emporia State in 2002.

“Since all of my students are at a different level intellectually, I design my lessons to meet them where they are [then lead them] beyond what they first believe is possible,” Allmond said.

When she recognized most of her students lacked basic cooking skills due to their parents’ concerns about safety, Allmond set a goal of building their skills to the point they could make their own birthday cakes. The goal was reached, but the learning didn’t stop with birthday cakes. She now has students who plan, prepare, and clean up after an entire Thanksgiving feast feeding more than 50 people.

Other goals include making sure her students gain basic math skills, can manage a bank account, go shopping, and pay bills.

She also wants them to get the point of not just being able to read but have a love of reading.

A colleague observed that Allmond impacts student achievement by setting goals that are “lofty yet attainable.” According to a parent, Allmond’s recipe for success, is “high expectations, patience, and love.”

A student, who was told by a previous teacher she would never read a book, was able to read to her mother for the first time. Allmond said, “It was moving to see the emotions play across Mom’s face while her daughter was reading aloud. By the time the daughter finished, Mom burst into tears of joy and embraced her daughter.”

Another student shared, “Mrs. Allmond is a great teacher. She gives me a weighted blanket when schoolwork is hard. She gives me hugs when I cry. Now I read at home. I play games at home. Mrs. Allmond is the best in the world.”

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



Deanna K. Burton

Social Studies Teacher
Susan B. Anthony Middle School
USD 383 Manhattan Ogden

Whether she's cooking food from a different culture for her class, directing the school play, or simply complimenting a student's shoes, Deanna Burton knows the importance of showing her students they are valued as individuals.

"(Teachers) never know what we may say, however small, that can make a world of difference in a child's life," states Burton.

Burton earned a bachelor's in education from Emporia State University in 1976 and a master's in elementary education in 1986 from Wichita State University. She began her career in 1976 as a Title I reading teacher in Grades 1-8 at Canton-Galva Elementary and Middle School. Subsequently, she taught in Ellsworth, Hesston, Hutchinson, Herington, and Clay Center. In 2006, she began teaching seventh-grade language arts and social studies at Susan B. Anthony Middle School in Manhattan.

"She infuses math, reading, science and technology, FACS, art, music and movement into her social studies classroom," writes a colleague. Her approach to teaching is described by one of her students as being "very hands-on/minds-on."

Burton characterizes her own classroom as "well managed constructive chaos."

Burton strives to bring a global perspective into her teaching, whether it is helping students use isosceles triangles to figure out how to build a pagoda roof, or leading a discussion on the pros and cons of closing a 54-mile stretch through a rain forest to enable vehicles to drive from Alaska to the tip of South America.

"Deanna models a joyful love of learning, the power of grit as a necessary ingredient when striving for high standards, respect and responsibility," writes a colleague. While guiding 60 students through a play production on an annual basis, "Deanna models leadership and grace as she works for hours after school to shape the cast to their personal best level."

A parent states, "Her constant compassion for all of our students is one of her biggest strengths. After 42 years of an exciting teaching journey, she continues to be innovative, energetic, and interactive with young people, displaying ideas like a new, yet seasoned educator."

1958

Mildred Cunningham, 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
Dr. 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



Abby Cornelius

Library Media Specialist
Blue Valley North High School
USD 229 Blue Valley

“More goats, fewer sheep,” is the teaching philosophy of Abby Cornelius.

She explains the education system can create a culture where students are told what to do, how to do it, to keep their heads down, and follow the herd – like sheep. She wants them to be a different animal altogether, “Goats wander around investigating for food and climbing atop their shelter, they interact with the world by exhibiting natural curiosity, and they have pokey horns that they use to touch and challenge things and others.”

As a library media specialist, Cornelius embodies that interactivity and spirit of adventure.

Taking three groups of students who may not otherwise interact, Cornelius had them work together to create super-powered characters called ‘plushies.’ “With one project, she was able to empower students with disabilities, transform the way our achievement-driven students viewed success, and facilitate empathy-building between students who might not have spoken to one another within our four walls.”

“Her library is a beehive of activity,” writes a parent. “It is the very heart and soul of our school, filled to the rafters at all hours of the day where kids experiment, develop, and create.” In 2009, her efforts earned Blue Valley North the American Association of School Libraries’ National School Library Media Program of the Year Award.

Cornelius began her career in 2001 as a seventh-grade math teacher in Grandview, Missouri after completing a bachelor’s degree in math and secondary education from Washington University in St. Louis. In 2004, she earned a master’s in library science from Emporia State University and joined Blue Valley North High School in Overland Park as a library media specialist in 2006. In 2008, she became a nationally board certified teacher, which she renewed in 2017. In 2011, Cornelius earned a second master’s degree from Emporia State in instructional design and technology.

“I have come to learn that Abby is truly a superhero,” writes a colleague. “I am constantly in awe of her energy, her work ethic, and her relentless commitment to ensure all learners succeed.”

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. Ostberg, Salina
Pearl Peterie, Kinsley
Phebe Scott, Derby
Martha Steele, Goodland
Charles E. Strange, Wichita

1964

Dan Foster, LaCrosse
Mary Hunholz, Manhattan
Erdman Johnson, Turner
Loma Mack, Madison
Bernadine Sitts, Garden City
Lillie Elizabeth Studd, 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



Todd Flory

Fourth-Grade Teacher
Wheatland Elementary School
USD 385 Andover

“I strive to create academic risk-takers in my classroom,” states Todd Flory. “We do our students a disservice if all we teach them...is what to learn instead of how to learn.”

After graduating in 2004 with a bachelor’s in communications from Bethel College, Flory volunteered for two years in Chicago and Washington, DC, where he saw how education – or the lack of it – affects a person’s life. He returned to Kansas to earn his bachelor’s in elementary education from McPherson College in 2010, and a master’s in instructional technology from Fort Hays State University in 2016.

As a fourth-grade teacher beginning work at Wheatland Elementary in 2012, it did not take long for him to establish himself as a leader at the building, district and state levels. “He goes not just the extra mile for education...[and] teacher leaders, but also the extra marathon,” writes a colleague.

A parent states, “(He) embodies all of the qualities one looks for in an exemplary teacher and is a perfect representative of everything that is great in Kansas classrooms and schools.”

In 2017, he developed a digital citizenship project where students investigated fake news and determined how they can

discern information for authenticity. This project was featured on the Microsoft Education website, in a National Public Radio story, and his students were interviewed by a television network in Japan.

Flory believes we need to be creating global citizens in a global classroom. His notable Skype Around the World Day allows students to connect via digital video (Skype) to classrooms around the world. Last year, his students shared information about Kansas and gathered authentic experiences virtually as they visited 18 countries and all seven continents. Students take notes in their “passports” and create a presentation about their experience.

“It’s important for students to interact with people who may look and sound differently than them, and whose school is different from our school. It helps empathy and understanding,” Flory stated.

“I believe that quality education is the world’s best hope for peace, equality, and justice.”

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 Supt.

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. Ostberg, McPherson
Theodore Palmquist, Turner
Maxine Sebelius, Northern Valley
Joy Wigginton, El Dorado
Lonnie Wood, Independence
* Dr. Alex Daughtry,
Emporia State University



Chitra Harris

Science Teacher
Wichita High School South
USD 259 Wichita

Chitra Harris believes education should transcend national borders. Combining teaching philosophies from the East and West, she incorporates hands-on, real world experiences into her classroom to promote new ways of thinking.

In 2007, Harris was challenged by her district to create a course in forensic science. There were no textbooks available or guidelines for skills and competencies. Harris took on the challenge and has had nothing but success.

“The excitement of discovering facts for themselves instead of having it explained to them is key in learning and also in retaining what they have learned,” said Harris.

Inquiry-based activities include labs on blood spatter analysis, the use of a comparison microscope, and ballistics – the latter a challenge when zero-tolerance policies prohibit guns or bullets in the school. Harris has now obtained permission – and grant funding – to introduce ballistics kits, along with trajectory measuring lasers and other tools into her classroom.

When her students begged to put their skills to the test by solving a ‘real crime,’ Harris used foam spray, soil, and

maggots to turn a plastic Halloween skeleton into what appeared to be a decomposing body.

A colleague describes Harris as a ‘trail blazer.’ “In my 40+ years in education I have never seen a teacher get as excited about any subject,” she writes. “(She) created her own curriculum and has been extremely willing to share it with other teachers.”

Harris earned two bachelor’s degrees – one in science, one in education – from Bangalore University in 1976 and 1977, and a master’s in education from Southwestern College in 2010. She was a high school science teacher from 1983 to 2003 in Chennai, India and in 2004 began teaching science at Wichita High School South and remains today.

“It is not easy for an immigrant to assimilate in a new culture at the age Chitra and her family relocated to the United States,” a colleague writes. “Yet, she not only integrates, but thrives and inspires through her inner brilliance and creative teaching skills. Chitra symbolizes the epitome of the American Dream.”

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

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. Bournonville, 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



Matthew Irby

Science Teacher
Emporia High School
USD 253 Emporia

Despite growing up with educator parents who are still teaching today, Matthew Irby thought he would go into a health-related field, getting a bachelor's degree in science. After admitting to himself he was not passionate about this area, he reflected on how fulfilled his parents were by their jobs.

That reflection, coupled with his enjoyment of coaching kids through the local rec center, provided Irby the impetus to make a change: he went back to school to get a degree in education. In this, he has found his passion.

"If I'm not finding hands-on resources to make the learning memorable and meaningful, I'm doing a disservice to my students and not giving them the true experience of what science is," Irby states.

Irby began teaching in 2004 after earning two bachelor's degrees from Emporia State University. He earned his master's in educational administration from Emporia State in 2013. He has spent his career at Emporia High School teaching a variety of science courses such as genetics, biomedical innovation, zoology, biology, and microbiology.

Irby structures his lessons to cause students to experience the wonder of science. Rather than just hearing classroom lectures, watching videos, or reading textbooks, he uses hands-on learning experiences, such as extracting pigments from plants to witness photosynthesis or using thermocyclers to analyze DNA. Irby's network of local professionals enables students to job shadow and discover jobs and careers previously unknown to them.

His teaching philosophy is simple: students may have different backgrounds, but their needs are mostly the same. Embracing new challenges and having the desire to become a better teacher is what motivates him.

"He is a visionary, a motivator, and a great role model," writes an administrator about Irby. Another colleague describes him as a "student individualizer, educational entrepreneur, and educational humorist."

A former student, now a pre-pharmacy student in college, said his classes covered subjects at a college level, "I was able to enter freshman year with experience and confidence."

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



Kimberly S. Schneweis

Visual Art Teacher
Hays Middle School
USD 489 Hays

As an art teacher, Kimberly Schneweis strives to reveal the connections between art and life to her students. When visual art is incorporated into other subject areas, students make connections. And by creating art, students connect with their own experiences and feelings. Schneweis states, “Visual art is often thought of as an ‘extra’ when it could serve as the connector that ties everything else together.”

In her classroom, it all starts with the creation of something new. Because her middle school students are in between childhood and becoming adults, she gives them opportunities to work on projects that allow them to express frustration.

For one such project, Schneweis goes beyond instructing students on artistic technique and asks her students to write an artist’s statement – a philosophy or opinion about what compelled them to create the image. These statements often reveal family struggles, self-image issues, or problems with ownership over their lives.

Schneweis earned a bachelor’s degree in art education in 1984 and a master’s in educational administration in 2001, both

from Fort Hays State University. She began her teaching career as an elementary art teacher in USD 489 Hays in 1989 and has been in the school district since then.

As Schneweis benefited from a mentor teacher in her early career, she gladly mentors student teachers – a total of 25 so far. “I always come away from each experience gaining a little perspective, or a new idea.”

Throughout her career as an art teacher, Schneweis has continually advocated for art education, both in her school and the wider community – fighting for student needs in board rooms, public arenas, and in the state capitol. “(Kim) stands up for what she believes,” writes an administrator, who was once one of Schneweis’s students.

“(She) often puts aside her own best interests for the cause of the greater good,” writes a colleague. “Kim knows how to get things done.”

Summarizing her 29 years in the classroom, Schneweis said, “I have never felt I was too experienced to learn something new.”

1978

Dennis L. Ary, Auburn-Washburn
Erma Lang Dow, Eureka
Harold Hardy, Pittsburg
Dr. Robert R. Noble,
Pittsburg State University
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. Scharz, 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

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, Auburn-Washburn
 • 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, Wakeeney
 • 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, Wakeeney
 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 Feist, 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, Wakeeney
 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. Wertin, 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, Osawatomic

2003

• Tina Buck, Medicine Lodge
 Matt Copeland, Auburn-Washburn
 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 Neneman, Dodge City
 Sandy Hardesty, Auburn-Washburn
 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

* Special Award

• W. A. Black Endowed Chair Recipient

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
 Marcia Troutfetter, Salina

2012

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

2013

Juliann 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
 * Karen Godfrey, KNEA

2015

Carmen Cantrell, Shawnee Mission
 • Barbara Clark, Manhattan-Ogden
 Kori E. Green, El Dorado
 Leslie MacAfee, Piper
 Bill McFarland, Auburn-Washburn
 • Reed Urthe, Blue Valley
 Ginger Whiteside Steck, Andover

2016

Jessica Butte, Hays
 • Nikki Chamberlain, Salina
 • Adriane Falco, Blue Valley
 Keri Lauxman, Lawrence
 L. Raymond Linville, Andover
 Jenny Wilcox, Auburn Washburn
 Laura Woolfolk, Dodge City

2017

John Butcher, Blue Valley
 Melinda Eitel, Salina
 • Joan Hayden, Geary County
 Jennifer Hendrix, Dodge City
 • Kimberly Hett, Andover
 Brandy Lane, Auburn Washburn
 Laura Schwinn, Emporia

