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# The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) is the highest recognition that a kinder-

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# **Announcements**

Conference Registration & Check in for All Participants:

Wednesday, October 22, 7:30—11:00 a.m.

## **Exhibit Hall**

Wednesday 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Rolls and coffee compliments of PAESMT.

7:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
Don't miss the Exhibitor Door Prize Drawing at 4:00!

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#### Exhibitor Door Prize Check-off

Conference exhibitors have donated more than 50 prizes to be given away at the end of the conference. An Exhibitor Check-off Card is included in your registration packet. As you visit with an exhibitor, have the representative stamp a blank box on the card.

Fill at least 50% of the boxes by the end of the sessions on Friday to be eligible to win a door prize.

Submit your card at the Exhibit Hall before 4:00.

You must be present to win.

Don't forget to follow ICTM and ISTS:

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www.iowamath.org www.scienceiniowa.org

More detailed descriptions are found at http://www.ictm-ists-conference.info/

STEMCafe computers are available on 2nd Floor.



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# Strands



#### Building a Strong Knowledge Base

Whether in math or science, students must have a deep understanding of fundamental ideas in each discipline. What are some of the best practices teachers use to do this? How are decisions made regarding what foundational knowledge is taught and how are students interacting with that new knowledge?

#### Argumentation in Math & Science Classrooms

In both the Standards of Mathematical Practices and Next Generation Science Standards, students are asked to reason and make arguments. How does this look in a classroom? What strategies and activities are teachers using to provide opportunities to students to "arque" in class?

#### STEM Education Re-Imagined

What are some of the breakthrough approaches to learning science, math, engineering and technology that can be connected to real world projects that engage and inspire students? How is STEM being integrated into subject areas to add relevance through projects and problems that lead to student success?

#### STEM Professional Learning & Leadership

The demand for high quality STEM teachers for outpaces traditional models of teacher professional development. What new approaches for supporting new and experienced teachers are being explored and implemented?

#### Math & Science: Finding the Overlap

One of the most daunting challenges when implementing a STEM curriculum is to find opportunities for cross-curricular experiences. Where have you found the most meaningful overlap? How have you and your colleagues worked to design curricular experiences that help students see the overlap?

#### How to Support the Struggling Math & Science Student

The lowa Department of Education defines MTSS as an every-education decision-making framework of evidence-based practices in instruction and assessment that addresses the needs of all students starting in general education. Sessions in this strand will focus on promising practices and interventions that support all students.

#### TYPE OF PRESENTATION:

**HANDS-ON WORKSHOP:** a presentation that provides everyone with a hands-on experience. Tables/Chairs are provided for participants. **DEMONSTRATION:** a series of activities or experiments allowing only a limited participation by the audience. Chairs are provided for the participants.

**LECTURE**: a sharing of ideas, techniques, or research results with audience participation limited to questions. Chairs are provided for the participants.

**COMPUTER LAB SESSION:** a presentation that provides participants with the opportunity to work with software or other technology in a computer lab setting. Computer sessions may be limited.

LEVELS: Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, Middle School, High School, College, Supervision/Administration, Pre-Service Teachers

**The Governor's STEM Advisory Council**, a cross-sectional body of professionals charged with invigorating the STEM education pipeline for lowa, was assembled in September of 2011 to fulfill the goals of Executive Order #74, including "Work to dramatically increase students' interest and achievement in STEM subjects so they will have a greater opportunity to pursue STEM careers." The lowa Mathematics & Science Education Partnership, a four year-old inter-university STEM collaborative, has been assigned to manage the programmatic and administrative functions of the new Council. The make-up, functions, ambitions, and actions of the Council are being determined at a swift pace through fall of 2011. The input of STEM education practitioners to the Council is vital to its mission.

Jeff Weld, Executive Director, Governor's STEM Advisory Council



# Tuesday Opportunities & Activities October 21, 2014



#### NSF Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Reception

Join us at the Center for Biorenewable Chemicals (CBiRC)
Biorenewables atrium, Iowa State University
for a reception in celebration of
Iowa's 2013 winner of the
Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching
hosted by Yvette McCulley, Iowa Dept of Ed

When: October 21, 2014 from 6:00 to 9:00pm

Where: Center for Biorenewable Chemicals (CBiRC) Biorenewables Laboratory, Iowa State University
What: Join us for a semi-formal pre-conference event honoring Iowa's 2014 Science Nominees and 2013
Science Awardee of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching
(PAEMST). The evening will include tours of the newly completed Biorenewables Complex, a sit-down meal, and presentations by CBiRC researchers. The evening will take place in the beautiful 4-story atrium of the BRC and is sure to be a great start to our Fall Conference. We will conclude with a "Chair's Reception" to include an assortment of dessert items

#### **AEA Science Consultant Meeting**

**By invitation** 1:00pm to 4:00pm Biorenewables Laboratory on the ISU campus, room 1140

### ICTM Pre-Conference, Tuesday, October 21st. 5:45pm-9:00pm Scheman Center, Ames, Iowa

ICTM again will host a pre-conference for pre-service teachers in the state. You are invited to a special welcome session created just for new and future teachers.

- Snacks and beverages provided. Free teaching materials & ideas. Fun activities, fun people.
- Find out who's who in math education and how they can help you.
   Get an overview of the ICTM conference the ins and outs of making.
- Network with other pre-service & beginning teachers.
- Find out about other future events for new teachers.

# Wednesday Opportunities



# October 22, 2014 Scheman Center ISU

7:30—8:00 A.M.	Registration & On-site Registration coffee and pastry	
8:00—8:15 A.M.	Welcome by ICTM & ISTS – Auditorium	
8:30—10:00 A.M.	Session 1 - <b>Science Keynote: Fast Plants Program</b> Dan & Hedi Lauffer, UW Madison	
8:30—9:15 A.M.	Breakout Session 1A Math Sessions	
8:30—10:00 A.M.	Networking Conversations, STEM Lounge & Exhibit Hall time for Math teachers	
10:00—11:30 A.M.	Session 2 - Math Keynote: Enacting the Mathematical Practices in Every Classroom Laurie Boswell (Classroom teacher and author)	
10:00—10:45. A.M.	Breakout Session 2A Science Sessions	
10:00—11:30 A.M.	Networking Conversations, STEM Lounge & Exhibit Hall time for Science teachers	
11:30—12:00 A.M.	Breakout Session 3	
12:00—1:00 P.M.	Luncheon Served Room 220 –230—240 Lunch provided as part of your registration fee.	
12:15—12:35 P.M.	Burst Session A **	
1:25—1:45 P.M.	Burst Session B **	
1:00—1:45 P.M.	1:45 P.M. Breakout Session 4	
1:45 P.M2:15 P.M.	M2:15 P.M. Visit the Exhibit Hall and STEM Lounge , Networking time	
2:15 P.M3:00 P.M.	Breakout Session 5	
3:15 P.M4:00P.M.	Breakout Session 6	
4:00 P.M.	Clasing & Door Prizes (must be present to win)	

Times and rooms for individual breakout sessions in this program are subject to change.



# ISTS Keynote & Meeting

# **Benton Auditorium**

# 8:30 A.M.— 10:00 A.M.

# **Wisconsin Fast Plants Program**

Dan Lauffer is the director of the research arm of the Wisconsin Fast Plants Program, the Rapid-cycling Brassica Research Collection. Over the last 20 years, he has worked to strengthen science education with school districts across the country and around the world through the Fast Plants Program. For six years, Lauffer directed the Science Immersion initiative within the national Math and Science partnership project called Systemwide Change for All Learners and Educators (SCALE), working with Los Angeles Unified, Denver, Madison, and Providence Rhode Island school districts and associated colleges to improve science teaching and learning. Lauffer's primary interests and expertise are in developing and refining seed stocks, creating innovative growing protocols, and refining tools and investigative strategies for using Fast Plants as a model organism in research and education. During his tenure with the Fast Plants Program, Lauffer has facilitated large collaborations among researchers and educators from all levels to design and implement innovative student-centered inquiries. This work included a global NASA-



funded project in which Fast Plants were grown in space, while classrooms throughout the US and Ukraine conducted simultaneous experiments and communicated regularly with the astronauts. Lauffer earned his BS and MBA degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In addition to his work with the Wisconsin Fast Plants Program at UW-Madison, Lauffer was the Chief Operations Officer for the Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center from 2008 to 2014.



Hedi Lauffer is the director of the Wisconsin Fast Plants Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. For more than 25 years, the Fast Plants Program has served researchers and educators across the nation and around the world, using the quick-growing Brassica plant developed by UW-Madison plant pathologist, Paul Williams. Starting in 2009, Lauffer directed the Program's curriculum and professional development and was appointed director in 2010 by its founder. For six years prior to joining the Fast Plants Program, Lauffer worked on a national Math and Science partnership project called Systemwide Change for All Learners and Educators (SCALE) developing and facilitating collaborative models for systemic science education reform and holistic approaches to professional development for teachers and science leaders. Previously. Hedi Lauffer was the co-chair of the Institute for Learnino's Science Disciplinary Literacy Program at the University of Pittsburgh, following an appointment at Biological Sciences Curriculum Study (BSCS) as a Science Educator, Professional Development Associate, and Curriculum Developer. Lauffer taught high school science at

Hartford Union High School in Wisconsin, earned National Board Certification in Adolescent and Young Adult Science, and was selected as the District's Teacher of the Year in 2000. Lauffer's PhD is from UW-Madison in Science Education and Learning Sciences; her research focuses on conceptual change and interactive learning environments for educators. Currently, Lauffer directs multiple projects through the Fast Plants Program, including a \$4.7 million, USDA-funded, collaborative project with the Sustainable Development Institute of the College of Menominee Nation to develop place-based and cul-R turally-responsive approaches for science teaching and learning.

# ICTM Keynote & Meeting



# **Benton Auditorium**

10:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.

# Enacting the Mathematical Practices in Every Classroom

#### Laurie Boswell

Head of School and a mathematics teacher at the Riverside School in Lyndonville, Vermont. Dr. Boswell is a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching and has taught mathematics to students at all levels, from elementary through college. Dr. Boswell was a Tandy Technology Scholar and served on the NCTM Board of Directors as well as NCSM and is a popular national speaker.



We have learned a great deal over the past twenty-five years about specific teaching practices that support students' learning of mathematics. Teacher content knowledge is important, and it is not enough. This session will focus on the Standards for Mathematical Practice—what students are doing as they learn mathematics, and the role of teachers—what effective teaching practices does research suggest will promote deep learning of mathematics.

Being a member of the Iowa Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM) means you are a member of a professional organization that is working to promote and improve mathematics education in Iowa.

#### Benefits include:

□Annual ICTM conference discount

□CTM yearly journal

□Tri-annual newsletters

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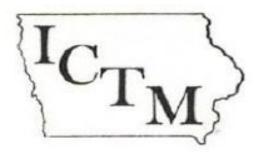
☐Grant opportunities

Networking with other mathematics educators

across the state

□ Professional development component for Iowa Teaching Standards

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Join today!





# Session 1 8:30 A.M.-9:15 A.M.

Knowledge Argument STEM Ed	Ldrship	Overlap	Struggling	Commercial
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Rooms	Session 1 8:30 to 9:15am				
150	Jim Strayer, Scholastic				
154	Jane Owen, Explore Learning				
158	Jennifer Pothast, Engaging in Research to Build Better Understanding of Elementary Math Topics				
160	Mike Baker & Tracy Wingert, TI Inspire in the Math Classroom				
167	Eric Hart, Engaging, Useful, and Fun Math for Social Decision Making As Related to Voting, Fair Division, and Game Theory				
171	Milan Sherman, Using Technology to Support Students' Mathematical Thinking				
175	Calvin & Rosemary Irons, Motivating and Mastering Mental Mathematics				
179	Julia Jorgenson, Re-Imaging Education				
Auditorium	Science Keynote Hedi & Dan Lauffer, Wisconsin Fast Plants				
204	Britney Bockstahler & Andrea Hogenson, Block Play Builds Foundational Geometry Understandings				
208	Suzanne Riehl & Olof Steinthorsdottir, Proportional Reasoning: What are they thinking?				
220	Kevin Schroeder, It's About Time				
240	William Kearney, McGraw Hill Education - New Everyday Math 4 Overview				
250	Vicki Hamdorf & Rick Spellerberg, HiMCM Co-Map Math Modeling Competition				
252	Erin Marshall, Standards Based grading: Reassessments and Data Notebooks				
254	Lori Mueller, Strategies for Teaching Addition and Subtraction				
260	Valorie Zonnefeld, Rich Problem Solving Tasks				
262	Jason Anderson & Josh Manning, How to Help Lower Level Students Gain Proficiency in Math				
275	Brian Townsend, Find-A-Place! A Game That Focuses On Place Value				
299	Barbara Rokahr, Mathematical Practices: When and Where?				



# Session 2 10:00 A.M.-10:45 A.M.

Rooms	Session 2 10:00 to 10:45am		
150	Deb Kearney, Nutrients for Life		
154	Kelsey Bies & Birgitta Meade, Yeasty Beasties: How are Microorganisms Affected by their Environment?		
158	Ron DeArmond & Kristie Burns, Making Science Alive!		
160	Dan Henderson, Curriculum Associates		
167	DeAnna Tibben, HS Science Research Projects: Tips, Tricks & Resources		
171	Christopher Like, Gamifying Science: Galaxy Fleet		
175	Hallie Edgerly, Katie Borton, Kate Willems & Kim Timmerman, Making Grades Meaningful: Going Standards=based in a Traditional Grading System		
179			
Auditorium	Math Keynote Laurie Boswell Enacting the Mathematical Practices in Every Classroom		
204	Sarah Boesdorfer, Engineering Practices in Chemistry: It can be about Processes		
208	Bob Watson, Water Sourcebook		
250	Yvette McCulley, Science Matters		
252	Leslie Flynn & Lori Ihrig, Fostering Inventiveness and Innovation in K-12 Students		
254	Mike Blair, The Physics of Star Trek - Bad and What May be Good		
260	Patricia Higby & Scott Greenhalgh, The Best of Both Worlds		
262	Jon Markus, Margo Augustine & Kyle Heatherington, Biorenewables in lowa: Did You Know???		
275	Maureen Griffin & Craig Walter, Thinking Critically about using Document-based Case Studies to teach Critical Thinking Skills		
299	Jerrid Kruse & Jesse Wilcox, Myths Regarding Teaching Science through Inquiry		



# Session 3 11:30 A.M.-12:00 noon

For a detailed listing of all sessions, visit ictm-ists-conference.info

STEM Ldrship Overlap Struggling Commercial Argument Knowledge

Rooms	Session 3 11:30am to Noon				
150	Barb Rokhar, Pearson				
154	Pam Martin & Julie Bechtel, Math & Science: Meaningful and Manageable Integration				
158	Megan Balong, 5 Practices Supported by iPads in K/1				
160	Dan Henderson, Curriculum Associates				
167	Tami Plein, Integrating Science & Literacy				
171	Jeannette Pillsbury & Marlon Henriquez, "Mathematical Practices": the Habits of "Doing Math"				
175	Mason Kuhn, Meta-Sticks: Enhancing Classroom Negotiation through Student Evaluation of Evidence				
179	Tiffany Scheuring & Melanie Andersen, Using Standards of Mathematical Practice to Increase Student Performance				
Auditorium	Camille Schroeder, Being STEMtasitic: Messaging STEM for All				
204	Jaclyn Easter, What's Inside? - Connecting the Earth's Interior to the Nature of Science				
208	Ryan Zonnefeld & Valorie Zonnefeld, Critical Thinking and High-Level Discourse: Teaching, Learning, and Professional Development in a 1:1 Environment				
250	Barbara Ehlers & Julie Delaney, Environmental Issues Instruction: Energy Sources of the Prairie				
252	Kristin Grotewold & Samantha Kuehl, Standards Based Reporting in the Middle School Math Classroom				
254	Joanne Olson & Michael Clough, The Nature of Science for Elementary Students				
260	Jordon & Hallie Edgerly Make Your Case: Creating Space for Effective Argumentation in the Classroom				
262	Allison Jaycox & Jason Thompson, Classifying Aliens: Inquiry-based Activities for Teaching Evolution				
275	Breanne Garrett & Lindsay Gardner, Math Pen Pals				
299	Jacob Pleasants, Teaching Students to Construct Scientific Models				



# **Session 4** 1:00 P.M. - 1:45 P.M.

Rooms	Session 4 1:00 to 1:45pm				
150	Tracy Landrum, Carolina Curriculum				
154	Chris Whitmer, VSI Aerospace				
158	Robert Keller, Science + Math = Relevance + Authenticity + Rigor = Engagement				
160	Stacie Turnbull & Grace Troupe, Journey of a Gene - a free biotechnology app				
167	Lori Ihrig & Leslie Flynn, Integrating STEM Research in the High School Experience				
171	David Ewing, The Geometry of Music				
175	Katie Borton & Allen Schwery, EcoDay: Community Outreach and Ecological Education				
179	Jeannette Olson & Vincent Genareo, Algebra Progress Monitoring: What's New?				
Auditorium	Kayla Brauer & Michelle Millage, Innovation through the Nature of Technology & Engineering				
204	Kelen Panec & Shannon Hafner, Real World Data and Research Examples to Address STEM practices & NGSS				
208	Marty Beck, Using the Area Model to Teach Multiplying, Factoring and Division of Polynomials				
250	Yvette McCulley, Identity Formation & Learning in STEM				
252	Tim McNicholl & Kirsten Hogenson, Precalculus reform at Iowa State University				
254	Alicia Schiller & Jamey Smith, Technology in the Science Lab Classroom				
260	Maryann Huey, Wendy Weber, Deidra Baker & Sharon Flinspach, What Condition Are You In? A High School Probability Unit				
262	Hedi & Dan Lauffer, (WI Fast Plants) General Session				
275	Olof Steinthorsdottir & Elizabeth Hughes, Cognitively Guided Instruction and the 5 Practices for Orchestrating Productive Mathematics Discussions				
299	Sarah Borzo, Using Discrepant Events to Teach Nature of Science				



# **Session 5 2:15 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

Knowledge	Argument	STEM Ed	Ldrship	Overlap	Struggling	Commercial

Rooms	Session 5 2:15 to 3:00pm				
150	Cheryl Krafta, CPM				
154	Sherm Lundy, Iowa Limestone Producers				
158	Roger Johanson, Constructivist Dilemma				
160	Lynne Campbell & Julie Graber, Defined STEM: Resource to Support Authentic STEM Teaching & Learning				
167	Lori Ihrig & Joanne Olson, Glimpsing into the Lives of Beginning Science Teachers - their Experiences May Surprise You				
171	Teresa Finken, Engineering Is for Little Fingers too!				
175	Amy Root & Jesse Wilcox, How to Survive Your Beginning Years of Teaching				
179	Julie Hartzler, Let's Dig Into Trig				
Auditorium	Jason Lang & Meghan Reynolds, Real World Externships for Teachers of Math, Science & Technology				
204	Christopher Soldat & Leslie Flynn, Formative Assessment: The Bridge between Teaching & Learning				
208	Heather Bolles, Elgin Johnston, Hien Nguyen & Adrian Jenkins, Do Clickers Advance Student Learning In Large-Enrollment Calculus?				
220	Kevin Schroeder, It's About Time				
240	Will Fett, Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation				
250	Jean Oberbroeckling, Building Cities of the Future				
252	Wolfgang Kliemann, Iowa Core-and then? Transition courses in Mathematics				
254	Jennifer Reid-Smith, Strategies for Successful Implementation of Readings in the Secondary Science Classroom				
260	Vicki Bachman, Fostering Student Engagement and Curiosity in Elementary Mathematics				
262	Kelley Williams & Rachel Williams, The Art of Play & Early Science Exposure				
275	Patsy Fagan, Using TI-Nspire Technology to Foster Independent Student Learners				
299	Rebecca Christoffel, Field Notes: A Graduate Student Publication Aimed at Increasing STEM Interest and Competency				



# **Session 6 3:15 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

Rooms	Session 6 3:15 to 4:00pm		
150	Scott Hutton, Fuel Education		
154	William Kearney, McGraw Hill Education - New Everyday Math 4 Overview		
158	Marvin Gamble, Pythagorean Triples to Infinity and Beyond?		
160	Patricia Higby, Make a FREE MOOC Benefit You		
167	Michael Clough & Joanne Olson, NGSS & Misconceptions Regarding the Crucial Role of Basic Science		
171	Marty Beck, Using the Area Model to Teach Multiplying, Factoring and Division of Polynomials		
175	Leslie Flynn & Dawn Bowlus, STEM Innovator: Infusing Entrepreneurship and Innovation into the K-12 Classroom		
179	Les Miller, Meeting Core Requirements in Science and Mathematics Using Computational Modeling		
Auditorium	Laura Bader, On Target: Making Standards-based Grading Work in a Traditional Reporting World		
204	Jesse Wilcox & Geoff Root, Minds in Motion: Using the Nature of Science to help Students Deeply Understand Newton's 1st Law		
208	Mike Baker & Tracy Wingert, To Flip or Not To Flip - That is the Question		
220	Jane Owen, Explore Learning		
240	Cindy Hall, Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation		
250	Shelly Vanyo & Jason Martin-Hiner, MacGuyver Windmills: The Physics of Wind Power and Energy Transfers		
252	David Ewing, Zombie Apocalypse		
254	Doreen Hayek & Marcy Seavey, Getting Students Excited about Science Again		
260	Melissa McAninch, How to Ask the Right Questions		
262	Ariana Krueger, Transforming Test Reviews		
275	Allysen Lovstuen, Modeling with Google Sheets		
299	Krystal Schmidt & Jim Colbert, Helping Students Learn to "Lichen" Biological Diversity		



# Exhibitor Door Prize Drawing! 4:00—4:15 p.m.

Win prizes donated by our exhibitors in this jackpot extravaganza!

Drawing of 50% complete Exhibitor Check-off Cards will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the Exhibit Hall.

You must be present to win!



# Save the date! April 17- 18, 2015

The 127th Annual Meeting of the Iowa Academy of Science will be held Friday and Saturday, April 17 – 18, 2015 in Iowa City at the University of Iowa Memorial Union.

# Iowa Junior Academy of Science

#### Visit the IAS Booth for more information and to join.

The Iowa Junior Academy of Science provides resources and programs for 6th-12th grade science students and their teachers/parents. IJAS promotes individual and small group student research, awards, scholarships, and extra-curricular activities to broaden a student's science experiences.







# The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching



(PAEMST) are the Nation's highest honors for teachers of mathematics and science. The awards recognize highly qualified K-12 teachers for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession. The core of the award is a \$10,000 National Science Foundation grant to the recipient's school, to be spent at the teacher's discretion.

# Iowa 2012 Winners

#### **Mathematics Winners**

### Josie Burg

Downtown School

Des Maines Community Schools

#### Science Winners

#### Mason Kuhn

Shell Rock Elementary, Waverly-Shell Rock Schools

## 2013 Nominees for Iowa

#### **Mathematics Nominees**

#### Allysen Lovstuen

Decorah High School

#### **Jeff Marks**

Roosevelt High School
Des Moines

#### Brian Reece

Central Academy

#### Science Nominees

#### Shannon McLaughlin

Norwalk High School Norwalk

#### Marcia Powell

West Delaware High School Manchester

# **2014 Nominees for Iowa**

#### **Mathematics Nominees**

Tamara Bane

Janna Bjork

Tammie Cass

Ann Johnson

Mary Sweeney

#### **Science Nominees**

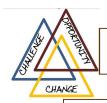
#### Josh Steenhoek

Jefferson Intermediate Pella Community Schools

#### Jessica Watson

Downtown School

Des Moines Community Schools



# **ISTS AWARDS**

The mission of the lowa Academy of Science is to further scientific research, science education, public understanding of science and recognize excellence in these endeavors. One of the ways to recognize this excellence is by awards. We encourage you to nominate a deserving individual or corporation for an appropriate award.

The Friend of Science (FOS) Award - Individual - ISTS recognizes with a plaque an individual or group, within the state, who has made significant contributions to ISTS and/or to science education at the local, regional or statewide level.

The Friend of Science (FOS) Award - Corporate - ISTS recognizes with a plaque a corporation, company, coalition, foundation or government entity who has made significant contributions to ISTS and/or to science education at the local, regional or statewide level.

The Outstanding Service Award (OSA) - ISTS recognizes with a plaque an ISTS member who has made sustained, extraordinary contributions to ISTS and/or to science education at the state and/or national level.

Excellence in Science Teaching Awards (ESTA) – The lowa Academy of Science (IAS) awards to outstanding teachers of all grade levels and areas of science, teachers who are recognized for their work and innovations in science education. The core of the Award is \$200 for the teacher and a Plaque. Nominations are accepted in the following categories:

Physical Science (physics, chemistry and physical science)

Life Science (biology, anatomy/physiology, life science)

Earth/Space Science/Environmental Science

General/Multiple Science (integrated science, interdisciplinary courses, multiple preps)

Middle School/Junior High Science

Elementary Science (two awards may be given/year)



# The Iowa Academy of Science

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# **2014 Outstanding Service Award**





Gale Louise Vermeulen has a servant personality and believes in helping whenever and however she can. Throughout her teaching career, she worked considerably more than an 8 to 4 work day, serving as a role model for her students and helping them be successful both in science and life. Gale taught a variety of science courses and chaired the science departments as well as other school committees at 4 different high schools during her 36 year teaching career (Tri-County of Thornburg, Twin Cedars of Bussey, Eddyville-Blakesburg and Oskaloosa). She piloted both the PRISMS physics and CRISTAL chemistry courses, earned National Board certification for chemistry teaching in 2002, and received the Outstanding Educator award from the Oskaloosa Chamber of Commerce in 2012. She was a regular new teacher mentor and has always encouraged authentic excellence in teaching. Additionally, she taught biology for elementary majors at William Penn University, dispelling some of the fears elementary teachers have of science, as she had them actively doing science during every class session. Gale has been a frequent presenter at ISTS fall conferences, and an encourager of her department to do likewise. Her presentations usually involved demonstrations because they provided learning as well as a way to hook kids on science. Gale was

named an IAS fellow in 1976 and also received the IAS Excellence in Science Teaching Award (ESTA) for teaching chemistry in 1978. She is an ISTS Regional Director and has worked on the planning committee for numerous ISTS Fall Conferences. Gale has always been a hard worker. She readily took on the task of being the Chair of ISTS and led the planning for the 2007 ISTS Fall Conference. Later she was elected President of the lowa Academy of Science (IAS) (the parent organization for ISTS), and this year she is serving in her final year of IAS leadership by serving as the IAS Past-president. Although both retired, Gale and her husband Cor have continued to attend the ICTM-ISTS Fall Conferences and help with set up and registration as well as being available for any job needing done during the conference. It is easy to see why Gale Vermeulen was a clear choice for the 2014 ISTS Outstanding Service Award.

**Traci Maxted** is a National Board Certified teacher who has been an active member of ISTS for many years, presenting numerous times at the ISTS Fall Conference. Among the roles she has served for ISTS are: as a member of the Fall Conference Committee, member of the selection committee for Excellence in Science Teaching Award, member of the Recognition and Awards Committee, an ISTS Regional Director, and as ISTS vice chair, section chair and conference chair from 2006-2008. In her most recent role, Traci has served as ISTS program coordinator from 2006 to 2013. She is the 2010 recipient of the Iowa Academy of Science Excellence in Science Teaching Award for Excellence in Physical Science Teaching. For more than 20 years, she has taught various levels of physics and physical science at Cedar Rapids Jefferson High School, mentoring numerous new teachers along the way. Traci hopes to keep encouraging science and STEM education in Iowa into the future. Traci Maxted is a well deserving recipient of the 2014 ISTS Dutstanding Service Award.



# 2014 Excellence in Science Teaching Award



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# 2014 Friend of Science Award—Corporate

**Pella Wildlife Company,** a non-profit wildlife conservation organization, was established in 2009 on the founding principle of wildlife education based on the National Science Teachers Association position statement "Observation and experimentation with living organisms gives students special perspectives of life processes that are not provided by other modes of instruction. Study animals in the classroom enables students to develop skills of observation and comparison; a sense of stewardship; and an appreciation for the unity, interrelationships, and complexity of life. "Today, Pella Wildlife Company is recognized as a leader in the development and presentation of science based wildlife education programs for students of all ages. Creating a template for wildlife education based in lowa, Pella Wildlife Company has been recognized at the international level by participating in the International Union for Conservation of Nature Committee on Education and Communication as well as providing the Basics of Wildlife Education as a workshop for The Wildlife Society.

With a continued focus on wildlife education the outreach program, Academy of Wildlife Education at Merle Hay Mall, has been a destination location for thousands of lowa students as well as a source of internship for university students. College students studying wildlife ecology, animal science, political science as well as marketing, creative writing, and the arts have all learned how wildlife impacts many disciplines of education.

The commitment to education will continue as Pella Wildlife Company plans to develop a 103 acre campus that will feature a drive through wildlife park, new Academy of Wildlife Education featuring indoor and outdoor classrooms, a wildlife biodiversity research facility and a full service high capacity wildlife rehabilitation center. This will allow Pella Wildlife Company to be self-sustaining and continue to provide S.T.E.M. based wildlife education to students throughout the state of lowa and beyond. It is clear that Pella Wildlife Company is deserving of the 2014 ISTS Corporate Friend of Science Award.



**Kemin Industries Inc.** is a privately held bioscience company that researches and manufactures molecules to deliver important nutrition and health benefits through products consumed by people and animals. The company has more than 500 specialty ingredients, nearly 2,000 employees and operates in 90 countries. As a bioscience company, STEM education and ensuring the availability of talent is especially important. Kemin has an extensive internship program that employs more than 20 interns every summer at its headquarters in Des Moines, lowa. In addition, the company's externship program provides educators in the community an opportunity to research and experiment alongside Kemin scientists.



In 2013, Dr. Chris Nelson, President and CEO of Kemin Industries, was named atop 100 CEO leader in STEM by STEM connector  $\mathbb{R}$ . In 2010, he announced a five-year expansion plan that would not only bring new infrastructure, but hundreds of STEM-related jobs.

Other STEM initiatives Kemin supports include:

The Science Center of lowa—providing financial support for world-renowned interactive exhibits and programs. Kemin was also instrumental in raising funds for the construction of the new \$62 million Science Center several years ago.

Job shadowing — giving students at two local high schools the opportunity to routinely interact with Kemin scientists and researchers. The experience makes science tangible, memorable and "real" to those who have never seen applied science.

Tours—company representatives regularly give tours to students and community leaders, offering direct interaction with scientists and researchers.

Member of the Governor's STEM Advisory Council Member of Iowa Biotechnology Association Member of the Iowa Innovation Corporation

Through these initiatives, Kemin hopes to demonstrate the relevance and impact of science, technology, engineering and math to educators, scientists and students alike. It is easy to see why Kemin Industries Incorporated was the choice as the 2014 Corporate Friend of Science Recipient.

# CHANCE

## 2014 Friend of Science Award



Joseph Schwanebeck was Science Center of Iowa's Director of Education and always looking for new ways to help people have fun and connect with science. As part of his job, Joe worked to align SCI's experiences with the curriculum needs of classrooms across Iowa. His desk sometimes doubled as a prototyping space for new experiments, so his blog may have been typed between a cardboard model of a buckyball and a test-tube filled with a greenish liquid. Joe worked at SCI since December 2007, when he started as an Outreach Presenter. He had many different roles, the most recent as the Director of Education, but is probably best recognized as "Joe the Science Guy" to children, teachers, families, and communities across the state where he took the fun of science and learning on the road. Whether it was frying pickles while teaching about electricity, blowing stuff up, or extoling about the wonders

of Nanotechnology, he exuded passion for science and inspired many and would periodically make horrible science puns.

Joe was a frequent face at ISTS over the years as well as being involved in a variety of projects across the state including, Next Generation Science Standards Task Force, Real World Design Challenge, working with the Department of Education and Iowa Space Grant Consortium. Nationally, he was recognized by many peers in the Science Museum community through his work with the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network and the Association of Science and Technology Centers.

Joe's passion for science and learning continued throughout is battle with "Marvin the Melanoma", often remarking at how interesting the disease and treatments were and even taking pictures of the MRI of his brain to share. Joe loved science, teaching science and sharing science, and is the 2014 recipient of the ISTS Individual Friend of Science Award. Joseph Jon Schwanebeck 6/28/1984 - 9/21/2014

**Pete Holden** is a true friend of science education. Pete willingly donates his time, money, and expertise. He is greatly appreciated by students, the school, and community. He donates money to help fund scholarships each year to send two of our North Tama students to Space Camp, believing in the importance of the amazing opportunities these experiences provide for rural students. Pete also helps coach the Lego League. His enthusiasm for science is very apparent and comes up with new ideas to improve Lego League at North Tama.

Pete is also the Mayor of Traer, with its own wind turbine and solar farm, making a truly green city. He is always willing to help connect city workers with projects going on in classrooms. Recently, he helped connect classes with city utility workers who took students on tours of city sewage lagoons and explained the processes involved. This opportunity was very effective in helping students understand more about water quality and protection.



Pete spends time working with a group of community members as they build their skills programming robots so they are prepared to work with our sixth grade students and teach them programming. This is part of a big event in elementary school where experts are invited into classrooms to work on projects with students. Co-teaching with high school teachers about alternative energy is another way Pete helps enhance science education at North Tama. His fresh perspective in teaching helps more students have "Aha!" moments. Pete is a true friend of science education and is a logical choice as the 2014 ISTS individual recipient of the ISTS Friend of Science Award.!

# Fellows of the Iowa Academy of Science



A Fellow is elected by the Board of Directors from those members who have provided meritorious service to the Academy and effective promotion of science in lowa. Fellows remain as long as they maintain membership. This is an honor with the same privileges and responsibilities as a Professional Member. The Board of Directors solicits nominations for Fellows from the membership in the fall of each year.

Please consider nominating a worthy candidate today!

For more information, contact IAS at iascience@uni.edu.



# **ICTM AWARDS**

State Friend of Mathematics Award

The State Friend of Mathematics Award honors an individual who has made significant contributions to mathematics education in the state of lowa. Regional Directors are responsible for submitting the names of potential nominees. These names are presented at the June Executive Board meeting. The Executive Board is responsible for nominating and awarding the State Friend of Mathematics through a vote. The State Friend of Mathematics Award is presented at the ICTM Annual Conference. Awardees are given a wooden plaque with a metal plate inscribed with the ICTM logo and the name of the recipient.

Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award honors an individual who has made significant contributions to mathematics education during her or his lifetime. ICTM Executive Board members nominate individuals for this award. The recipient is determined by vote during the Executive Board meeting. The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to the recipient at the ICTM Annual Conference. The recipient of the award receives a wooden plaque with a metal plate inscribed with the ICTM logo and the name of the recipient.

**Conference Grant** ICTM offers two grants each year of up to \$800 each to encourage and support a certified mathematics teacher in attending an NCTM regional or national conference.

**Curriculum Grant** ICTM offers three grants of up to \$500 each year to encourage and support the efforts of individual or teams of certified mathematics teaching staff in the development and implementation of innovative teaching strategies or projects in the field of mathematics.

Advanced Tuition Grant ICTM offers two grants of up to \$500 each to support an ICTM member who is pursuing education related to mathematics education and/or mathematics teaching.

# Lifetime Achievement Award



**Dr. Tonya Urbatch** started her education career fifty years ago teaching Math and English in Eddyville-Blakesburg Community Schools. She followed that by teaching in Davenport Schools for almost a decade. She went on to receive her PhD and then worked as a Mathematics Coordinator fr the Mississippi Bend AEA followed by a seventeen year stint as the director of staff development and student assessment for Davenport Schools. Most recently, she has served the math teachers around the state as a math consultant. She was actively involved in Every Student Counts and now on the State Mathematics Leadership Team. One of her most recent projects has been to curate the lowa Core Mathematics Support webpage.

# Friend of Mathematics Award

As executive director of the lowa Academy of Science **Craig Johnson** has been instrumental in making the combined ICTM—ISTS conference a reality.

His professional experience has included working 27 years as a broadcast meteorologist in eastern lowa including KWWL Television in Waterloo, WMT-AM-FM-TV in Cedar Rapids, and now with Weather Briefing, L.C., in Cedar Falls. He also writes two weekly weather columns for local newspapers. "Weather Whys Guy" is an educational column on meteorology written for the general public and "Ag Weather" provides a two-week weather outlook for anyone needing to plan outdoor work or activities. He has made numerous public appearances speaking to schools, civic groups, and professional organizations.



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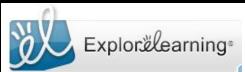
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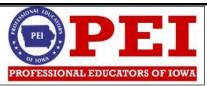
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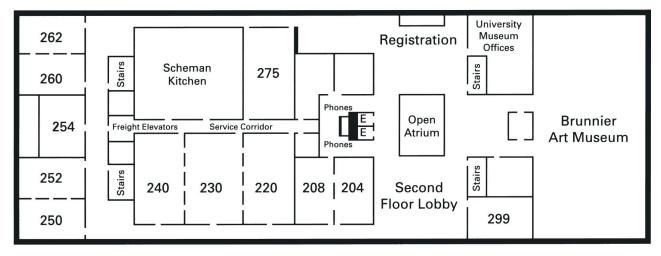
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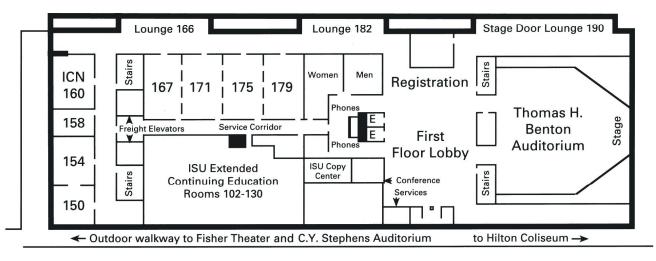
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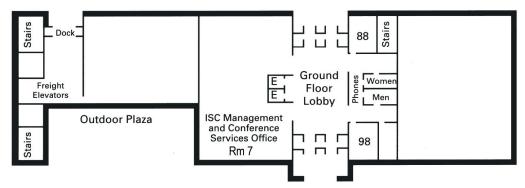




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