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Kansas Master Teacher Award
March 16, 2004



Awards Program

- 9:45 a.m. **Tour of National Teachers Hall of Fame, 1320 C of E Drive,
Emporia, Kansas**
Host: David Eldridge, Director, Recognition/Induction
- 11 a.m. **“Memories of Yesteryear” - One-Room Rural School**
- Noon **President’s Luncheon - President’s Home, 1522 Highland**
Hosts: President Kay and Mr. Ken Schallenkamp
- 2:30 p.m. **Seminar: Teaching - The Ultimate Standard of Excellence -
W.S. & E.C. Jones Conference Center, Third Floor, Visser Hall**
Coordinators: Dr. Sue Smith, Director, Office of Professional
Education Services, and Darla Mallein, Assistant Professor,
Emporia State University
- 4 p.m. **Reception for Master Teachers - Atrium, Visser Hall**
- 6:30 p.m. **Master Teacher Award Dinner - Webb Lecture Hall,
Memorial Union**
Toastmaster: Ken Weaver
Special Music: Gui-Suk Lim
Award Presentations: Dr. Kay Schallenkamp, President,
Emporia State University, and Dr. Tes Mehring, Dean,
The Teachers College, Emporia State University



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 good qualities of earnest and conscientious teachers.

The Kansas Master Teacher Program was originated in the early 1950s and developed by the University Administrative Council. Dr. Everett Rich, former chair of the English department and a council member, 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 until the following year. In 1954, with the support of Dr. Don Davis, chair of the division of education, and the approval of new president John E. King, the first awards were made.

A number of faculty members and others were involved in establishing policies and procedures. Davis added "Kansas" to the name. Rich had suggested "distinguished," but that word was changed to "master." Ray Cremer, business manager, suggested a money award for the recipients, but King believed watches were more appropriate, so watches were awarded. C. O. Wright, executive secretary of the Kansas State Teachers Association, suggested that nominations be made by local teacher associations or similar educational groups. Rich coordinated the publicity for the awards across the state.

Kansas Master Teacher Program expresses appreciation for the generosity of Bank of America. Since 1980, this Emporia bank has pledged over \$100,000 to permanently endow the Master Teacher Program. Bank of America and its senior officer, Carol Patterson, are committed to assisting ESU in its efforts to excel.



Candidates for the awards are nominated by local teacher associations and school faculties. In February, a committee selects the winners. The committee members represent educational organizations from across Kansas.

The 2004 selection committee included: Susan Sipe, United School Administrators; Pam Taverner, Kansas – NEA; Peggy Davis, Kansas Congress of Parents; Jean Cavanaugh, Kansas Association of School Boards; Louise Jacquez, Kansas – American Association of University Women; Iris Van Meter, Kansas State Board of Education; Matt Hogoboom, K-NEA Students; Connie Healy, Belton, MO and Tina Buck, Medicine Lodge, recipients of the 2003 Master Teacher Endowed Chair.

A committee of Emporia State University faculty and administrators coordinates local arrangements. The committee includes: Lori Mann, Roy Mann, Tes Mehring, Marj Schmidt, Sue Smith, Lucie Eusey, Boyce Baumgardner and Scott Waters, chairperson.

Information concerning the Kansas Master Teacher program is available on the Teachers College website. Go to www.emporia.edu/teach and click on Kansas Master Teacher.



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 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 A. Black.

The late Dr. William Albert Black (shown above) was born November 25, 1897, in Green County in Missouri. He received his bachelor's degree in 1926 and his master's degree in 1934 from Emporia State University. He received his Ph.D. degree 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 head of the department of education and psychology at Pittsburg State University. In 1962, while at Pittsburg State, he received the Kansas Master Teacher award.

Black married Marea Belfield Nov. 7, 1920. The Black's son, William Vincent Black, was born March 31, 1922. The family moved to Broken Bow 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.



Mary Elizabeth Baker
Robert M. Martin Elementary School
Andover, KS

A veteran Australian teacher, Mrs. Mary Baker came to Andover in 1995, where she is presently a reading specialist at Robert M. Martin Elementary School.

An example of her skill made an impression on her superintendent Dr. Patrick Kelly. "A nine-year-old child from Russia was adopted by an Andover couple and began school in September. She spoke and read no English. Mary began intensive work with this student. I visited Mary's class in December, and to my amazement, I was unable to identify which of her students had recently arrived from Russia."

She considers her students to be her most important teachers. "As I teach, I learn to listen and to observe, to prompt and reaffirm, to modify my language and my practice. I am continuing to grow, and it is my students who are guiding me."

Mrs. Baker is an avid pilot and a member of the International Women's Pilot Association and the Experimental Aircraft Association. She is a Sunday school teacher and active church volunteer.



Luana (Lu) J. Bitter
Pratt High School
Pratt, KS

Mrs. Luana Bitter's educational philosophy draws from the outdoor experiences of her childhood. She fondly remembers hunting and fishing trips with her family and her 18-year involvement with Girl Scouts.

Quoting from a favorite hymn, Mrs. Bitter says, "I believe in teaching real-life concepts to my students to open their minds to 'all things bright and beautiful,' and I believe in respecting the diversity of my students and developing the unique talents of each individual."

Since 1973, Mrs. Bitter has taught physical education, health, anatomy, physiology, general science, environmental science, psychology and biology in Pratt. She was a physical education and health teacher in Syracuse from 1969 to 1972.

Mrs. Bitter is active in the Red Cross, Humane Society, 4-H Horse Club and Pratt County Fair Association. She is also the district director for the Kansas Junior Academy of Science, coordinating the local competition and taking students to the state competition each year.



Patricia Madden Grzenda
Lawrence Public Schools
Lawrence, KS

As an adaptive physical educator, Patricia Grzenda works with a team of specially trained colleagues to discover and build upon the strengths of her students with cognitive and physical disabilities.

“Pat knows the development level of each student and works to push him or her just a little farther,” writes a colleague. “By modeling positive attitudes as she taught the students how to enjoy community activities and pursue leisure activities, she helped create a more accepting atmosphere for special needs students in the community.”

Mrs. Grzenda has been an itinerant teacher for the entire Lawrence school district since 1997, and has distinguished herself as a coach. Her swimming teams have been perennial state champions. In 1998, she was awarded the Federation of Interscholastic Coaches Association National Boys Swimming Coach of the Year. She has also been named the Kansas Coaches Association Boys Swimming Coach of the Year in 1997 and 2001.

Mrs. Grzenda is active in numerous community service groups, including United Way and the Arc of Douglas County.



Nicki Hancock
Olathe East High School
Olathe, KS

Mrs. Nicki Hancock draws her bountiful energy from her student's achievements. "Their success thrills them, and I am delighted when a student learns to use an apostrophe correctly or shows me a new aspect of Macbeth or revises a college application essay. Those moments are the true reward for teaching."

Mrs. Hancock is a 12th grade English teacher at Olathe East High School and has taught in Olathe since 1978. She is instrumental in helping students prepare for college through her Advanced Placement classes, which teach critical thinking and analytical reading strategies. Her high school courses earn students college credit at a local community college through the four-year-old "College Now" program.

"Hundreds of times, I have witnessed Nicki offering individual help to struggling students," writes a colleague. "She will rearrange her schedule, coming in incredibly early or staying very late to accommodate a student's needs. Her patience and kindness is tireless."

Mrs. Hancock brings new ideas back from professional conferences and shares her expertise with colleagues at district in-services. She gained respect and cooperation as building co-chair of a North Central Association accreditation committee from 1997 to 2002.

Mrs. Hancock serves on the board of stewards for her church and is involved in numerous community groups, such as the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival, Friends of Johnson County Library, and Johnson County Parks and Recreation.



Greg Mittman
Valley Center Middle School
Valley Center, KS

Students in Mr. Greg Mittman's eighth grade social studies classes learn about the world by experiencing it first hand. In the classroom, students re-create historic battles, court trials and hypothetical city governments. Outside the classroom, they have traveled with Mr. Mittman to historic sites in Texas, Massachusetts, Washington, England, France and Germany.

Mr. Mittman is a major in the Army National Guard with 19 years of service. He has led soldiers overseas and in response to domestic disasters such as the 1999 Wichita/Haysville tornado, the 1993 Manhattan flood and the 1991 Andover tornado.

Mr. Mittman lives his own civics lessons. In 1998, Mr. Mittman was appointed the youngest councilman in the history of the City of Bel Aire. He has been re-elected twice. He graduated from the first Bel Aire Citizens Police Academy and is secretary of the Bel Aire Public Development and Finance Corporation Board of Directors.

A colleague writes that Mr. Mittman is a teacher "who enjoys the classroom, who invites questions, who challenges minds, who welcomes change, who embraces new ideas, and who exemplifies the definition of a professional educator."



Devra Parker
Medicine Lodge High School
Medicine Lodge, KS

Mrs. Devra Parker does not necessarily consider herself a teacher in the traditional sense. “I impart information in an honest, enthusiastic and unique fashion with the hope (students) will want to be in my classroom every day.”

An English teacher at Medicine Lodge High School since 1988, Mrs. Parker assigns her 11th grade students to get in touch with themselves and their community by writing about random acts of kindness in their town, of their ancestors, and with local elders through the Journal Elder Writing Project.

“Many students consider Mrs. Parker a friend,” writes a student. “We all know she will help us in almost any way she can. She senses when her students need extra help and never hesitates to comfort.”

Outside the classroom, Mrs. Parker reaches out to teens by coaching forensics and volleyball, and sponsoring several student organizations. She is also active in her church and in community groups such as the city swimming pool, community disaster drills, and the Tri-Annual Memorial Peace Treaty Pageant.



Patricia Diane Weidert
Walnut Elementary School
Emporia, KS

"I believe that as teachers, we need to give each child an opportunity to learn," writes Mrs. Patricia Weidert, who has taught elementary school students in Kansas and Iowa since 1971. "It may be through music, a hands-on orientation, a visual or tactile strategy, or pairing with a peer for better understanding of a concept."

Mrs. Weidert engages her students through participating in Read Across America and the local Young Writer's Conference, through designing art projects involving students' families, and inviting community leaders into her classroom to share their own expertise.

"She captures the children's hearts as well as their minds, and does it in a quiet and soft-spoken way that only a first-grade teacher knows how to do," said Emporia school superintendent John Heim.

Mrs. Weidert forges new directions for her school through multiple committee leadership roles, including the Walnut Technology Committee after the school became a Microsoft Charter School.

Mrs. Weidert is an active volunteer at her church and for Beta Sigma Phi.



2004 Master Teacher Nominees

Felix Adams, Butler County Community College

Julie Aikins, Chanute

Susan B. Arnold, Bucklin

Mary Baker, Andover

Luana (Lu) Bitter, Pratt

Ed Bowen, Morris County

Diane Breiner, Mill Creek

Larry Brownlee, Sterling

Linda Cadwallader, Chanute

Arlene Carlile, Hays

Linda Collins, Overland Park

Barbara Deewall, Comanche County

Marilyn Foree, Topeka

Joel Gittle, Manhattan

Patricia Grzenda, Lawrence

Nicki Hancock, Olathe East

Wendy Hardy, Blue Valley

Linda Hayse, Topeka

Barbara Karlin, Salina

Angie Kisner, Copeland



Wendy Klosterman, Abilene
Shauna Lenneman, Garden City
Ron Luehrs, El Dorado
Greg Mittman, Valley Center
James Munsey, McPherson

Devra Parker, Barber County
Becky Saueressig, Ottawa
Lee Ann Schulte, Jefferson County
Susan Slater, De Soto
Sharon Stewart, Marmaton Valley

Sarah Thomas, Auburn-Washburn
Karla Viranda, Labette
Trish Weidert, Emporia
Annie Wilson, Bluestem
Gloria Yates, Geary County



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, Lawrence, KU

1956

Florence K. Belding, Iola
Dr. Jane M. Carroll, Pittsburg, PSU
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, Lawrence, KU
Una Funk, Council Grove
Mildred P. Parker, Hutchinson
Dr. Clyde U. Phillips, Hays, FHSU
Ruth Flory Sexton, Howard
Katherine A. Tucker, Topeka

1958

Mildred Cunninham, Parsons
Myrri Houck, El Dorado
Julian A. Johnson, Buhler
Edward D. Kroesch, Hoisington
Dr. Minnie M. Miller, Emporia, ESU
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, PSU
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
Erdman 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, ESU
Lois Hogue, Pratt
Dr. Perva M. Hughes, Pittsburg, PSU
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. Ostenberg, McPherson
Theodore Palmquist, Turner
Maxine Sebelius, Northern Valley
Joy Wigginton, El Dorado
Lonnie Wood, Independence
*Dr. Alex Daughtry, Emporia, ESU



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, Lawrence, KU
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, PSU
Leona Velen, Manhattan
*F. Royd Herr, Topeka, State
Dept. of Education

1973

Mildred Barber, Concordia
Dr. Elton W. Cline, Pittsburg, PSU
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, ESU
Darlene Theno, Basehor
Eleanor White, Dodge City
*Dr. James A. McCain, Manhattan,
President, KSU

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, ESU



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, ESU

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, ESU

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, Emporia
President, ESU

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, Carbondale, IL,
President, ESU



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, ESU

1987

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

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, ESU

1990

Dr. Thomas Christie, Lawrence
• Gretchen Davis, Overland Park
Dr. E. Sutton Flynt, Pittsburg, PSU
• 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. Stiith, 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, ESU



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, Emporia
President, ESU

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, ESU

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, ESU



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

- * Special Awards
- Black Endowed Chair Recipient

