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2012 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, Emporia State University
- 11:00 a.m.** **“Memories of Yesteryear”**
One Room Schoolhouse
Presenter: Dr. Scott Waters
- 12:00 noon** **President’s Luncheon**
Memorial Union, Lower Level, Room 48
Hosts: President and Mrs. Michael Shonrock
- 2:30-3:45 p.m.** **Seminar – “Engaging Excellence Through Education”**
Jones Conference Center, Room 330, Visser Hall
ESU Coordinators: Dr. Steve Neill,
Ms. Kenna Reeves
- 5:15-6:00 p.m.** **Social**
Webb Hall Lobby
- 6:30 p.m.** **Master Teacher Award Dinner**
Webb Hall
Toastmaster: Ms. Stacy Shipley, Principal,
Woodland Elementary, Olathe, KS

Bank of America Master Teacher Award

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

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

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

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

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

Each year, local teacher associations and school faculties nominate candidates for the awards. In January, a committee representing educational organizations from across Kansas selects the winners.

The 2012 selection committee included Lorie Cook-Benjamin, Kansas Association of Colleges of Teacher Education; David Dennis, Kansas State Board of Education; Jackie Waters, Kansas Parent Teacher Association; Karen Godfrey, Kansas National Education Association; Rod Garman, United School Administrators of Kansas; Bonnie Tandoc, Kansas–American Association of University Women; Stephanie Bullard, Kappa Delta Pi (Student Representative); Janice Romeiser and Teresa Disberger, 2011 Kansas Master Teachers.

A committee of Emporia State University faculty and administrators coordinates local arrangements. The committee includes: Phil Bennett, Donna Breshears, Tyler Curtis, Beth Dobler, Lucie Eusey, Gwen Larson, Sarah McKernan, Steve Neill, Sue Peterson, Scott Waters, and Lori Mann, Chair.

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

The William A. Black Kansas Master Teacher Endowed Chair



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

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

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

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

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

Black married Marea Belfield on November 7, 1920. The Black's son, William Vincent Black, was born March 31, 1922, and the family moved to Broken Bow, Oklahoma on March 1, 1973. Dr. Black died on October 12, 1983. Emporia State University is deeply grateful to the Black family for this generous contribution.

Shelley Aistrup

Principal

Northview Elementary School/College Hill Preschool
USD 383 Manhattan-Ogden



Students have always been the focus for Shelley Aistrup.

As a classroom teacher, Aistrup looked to her students' individual characteristics and found resources that helped them.

"When I began fourth grade," writes a former student, "I was becoming depressed and disenchanted with my educational experience. Dr. Aistrup displayed a great understanding of my needs as a student by giving me material that truly challenged and excited me."

A classmate, the former student recalled, worked best while standing up.

"As this did not disrupt other students, Dr. Aistrup allowed him to stand and learn in the way that was most beneficial for him."

As a building administrator for both Northview Elementary School and College Hill Preschool in Manhattan, Aistrup inspires teachers and staff to strive for excellence in themselves while remaining focused on their students.

"She guides and teaches through example," writes a colleague. "She is an integral part of many committees at school and in the community, always showing that giving to the profession does not end at the classroom."

Aistrup helps direct a before- and after-school program that serves more than 120 students

from 7 to 8:15 a.m. and 3:35 to 6 p.m.

"The students participate in club-based activities that are focused on state standards and designed to raise student achievement," Aistrup explained. "All students receive additional support to complete homework, increase reading comprehension and build math concepts."

Aistrup's belief in children's future also drives her community service. She is an active member and past president of the Manhattan Breakfast Optimist Club, an organization she chose because of its focus on serving the community's youth.

"One of the phrases from the Optimist Creed is especially important to me," said Aistrup. "To think only the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best."

Aistrup's optimism has brought success in projects to increase technology in the classrooms of her schools as well as the project of which she is most proud — creating a school library at College Hill Preschool.

A graduate of Maryville (Mo.) High School, Aistrup earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Fort Hays State University, a master's degree in instructional systems technology from Indiana University in Bloomington and her Ed.D. in educational leadership from Kansas State University.



Cindy Ehrstein

Eighth-Grade Language Arts Teacher
Andover Central Middle School
USD 385 Andover

The impact Cindy Ehrstein has on her students lasts long after they leave her eighth-grade classroom.

“Mrs. Ehrstein treats you like you are family,” wrote a former student. “Still to this day, whenever I see her, she will come up to me and say hi and ask how I’ve been. She’s a great person with an overall good heart.”

Ehrstein teaches language arts both in the regular classroom and a special education inclusion class along with Andover’s eighth-grade resource teacher. Wrote one mother of a special-needs student: “Mrs. Ehrstein was one of the few teachers who actually wanted to make a difference in the education of my child. For the first time, (he) believed in himself and wanted to succeed. Mrs. Ehrstein gave that gift to my child as I’m sure she has given that gift to many children.”

For Ehrstein, the students come first and are her inspiration.

“Every day I, as a teacher, have the opportunity to inspire and make a difference in the life of a child, and every minute of that day can present itself with a teachable moment,” she wrote.

One parent noted that during a particularly difficult school year when Ehrstein dealt with a death in her family, when asked why

she missed few days of school, the answer was “Oh, I miss the kids if I am gone very long.”

“It was obvious by that statement that it is more than a job to her,” the mother wrote. “It is part of her identity. She isn’t just a teacher. She has a relationship with these kids.”

Ehrstein applies the same philosophy in all aspects of her life, whether it is sponsoring extracurricular organizations, being the “team mom” for her children’s sports teams or leading youth groups and teaching Sunday school in her church.

“What better gift to give a student from a teacher than to impact their life?” wrote a fellow church worker.

A graduate of Pretty Prairie High School, Ehrstein earned her bachelor’s degree in education with a minor in English from Tabor College, a master’s degree in instruction design and technology and an ESOL endorsement from Emporia State University and has earned continuing education hours from Friends University, Kansas State University, Butler County Community College and Wichita State University.

Sandra Lynn Gonsher

Second-Grade Teacher
Sunrise Point Elementary
USD 229 Blue Valley



“Sandy doesn’t just teach children, she touches their lives,” writes Deneise McGowan, a teacher of English to Speakers of Other Languages and fellow teacher at Sunrise Point Elementary School in Overland Park.

McGowan tells the story of a student, now in high school in Texas, who had Gonsher in second grade. He called to tell Gonsher that he was on track to graduate from high school and planned to graduate from college — both firsts in his family.

“He also told her ... he hasn’t forgotten how much she cared about him.”

The care Gonsher shows her students extends to finding creative activities to help their learning. Every year, she teaches her students to play chess. She develops individual spelling tests with words like “penultimate,” “obstreperous” and “equanimity.” The students study master artists throughout the year. Their writing journals and exercises turn into an author celebration at the end of the year.

“I teach every subject through the lens of an artist/scientist,” said Gonsher. “Creativity plays a major role in the product outcomes. Poetry, classical music, performance and

visual art enhance and impact student learning while preparing students for success in the innovation economy they are a part of.”

Writes Alison Paddock, a third-grade teacher at Sunrise Point, “Sandy is a born teacher. She couldn’t be anything else. Some people just ARE their profession. Sandy is and will always be, first and foremost, a teacher.”

Gonsher’s teaching methods touch both her students and their parents.

“I think the most important things I learned were to always love learning new things and to always be the best person that I can be,” wrote a former student, now in fifth grade.

Finally, from a parent who teaches at a different school: “To have been taught by Mrs. Gonsher is to be changed as a learner. To be a parent of a child taught by Mrs. Gonsher is to be a changed parent.”

Gonsher earned her bachelor’s degree and master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from University of Missouri-Kansas City and has earned continuing education credit from Baker University and Graceland University.



Kendra Metz

Seventh-Grade Reading and Language Arts Teacher
Southwest Middle School
USD 497 Lawrence

“From the first day of school to the last, my mission is to let my students know that I believe in them and that they are worthy of love and capable in every sense of the word,” said Kendra Metz.

The key, according to Metz’s former students, colleagues and parents, is to find each student’s unique needs, take an interest in students outside the classroom and use inventive projects to expand their learning and give back to their community.

Metz regularly attends students’ birthday parties and other special occasions. The class reads a book together then heads to the movie theater to see the film made from the book. And the entire class creates an Italian restaurant as a fundraiser and educational lesson.

For the Italian restaurant, the students apply and interview for jobs, work together to make homemade pasta, take reservations and serve more than 200 guests in two hours. The money raised is used for special projects such as books for at-risk readers or class trips for other students. The project is designed to “pay it forward” to other students to teach the value of giving.

“I have so many memories of Kendra’s incredible teaching,” writes a former

colleague. “Kendra stopping individual kids on their way in or out just to check in to see how they were doing. Kendra covered in flour while orchestrating yet another of her famous pasta-making days in preparation for the Italian restaurant.”

The lessons learned in Metz’s classroom continue for years.

“In Mrs. Metz’s classroom, each student was able to express him or herself,” writes a former sixth-grade student now in high school. “She is an accepting and inspiring person and every one of her pupils flourishes under her wing. ... I always felt comfortable talking to Mrs. Metz and was able to show my true colors in her classroom.”

For Metz, those comments are high praise.

“If I can help my students find their voice and feel comfortable in their own skin,” Metz said, “if I can show them the humor, beauty and love in the world, then maybe they will contribute to society in their own turn.”

A graduate of Lawrence High School, Metz earned her bachelor’s degree in education from Washburn University, a master’s degree in education from Baker University and her English as a Second Language licensure from Kansas State University.

Katrina Paradis

English Teacher
Salina Central High School
USD 305 Salina



Katrina Paradis is following in the footsteps of a teacher who made a difference in her own life.

“My first-grade teacher and principal of Holy Name Catholic School was Sister Connie Beiriger,” said Paradis, “and I was her go-to girl to assist my classmates. ... Sister Connie expected us to accept our classmates unconditionally. She instilled in us the idea that all students can learn and should be given the opportunity to do so without judgment and without restrictions.”

Paradis creates a classroom that is fun and pushes students of all abilities to improve. Her students create their own Usher homes while studying “Fall of the House of Usher” during Gothic literature. They research and write letters to the editor for publication and use technology like Animoto, Glogster and Prezi for projects.

Exposing students to art and literature also is important to Paradis. Young adult novelist Chris Crutcher has conducted a two-day writing workshop. Hip-hop artist Cash Hollistah, Paradis’ former student, analyzed rap music with students and challenged them to write their own raps.

According to a former student, “Every day was an exciting adventure of literature, essays, discussions and projects. The atmosphere in her classroom matches her personality: bright, energetic and colorful yet relaxed and educational all at the same time.”

Wrote a colleague, “Her caring attitude extends out of the classroom in the way she supports students in all of their activities.”

One former student credits Paradis with helping him through his freshman year. He was taking a class from Paradis that was sophomore level, and he’d lost his brother in a tragic accident shortly before the start of school.

“Her zeal for life, her loving attitude and her genuine remarks to me about my situation made that year much more navigable,” he wrote. “And with her encouragement, I was able to grow as a person as well as a student.”

A graduate of Shawnee Mission West High School, Paradis earned her bachelor’s degree in education from The University of Kansas and her master’s of education from Kansas State University.



Jodi A. Testa

Third-Grade Teacher
Lincoln Elementary School, Junction City
USD 475 Geary County

For Jodi Testa, teaching permeates all aspects of her life.

“I am a teacher, a future administrator, a parent, a community member and a civic leader,” Testa said. “Therefore I educate citizens throughout most of the day regardless of the role I am fulfilling.”

In her third-grade classroom, Testa encourages her students to develop the classroom rules, organizes weekly class meetings in which students solve problems they perceive in the classroom and in their school and finds ways to work with each individual student and get to know them.

Wrote one set of parents: “Reading and science are blended into a cooking event; math becomes an art project; social studies, a field trip.”

Their daughter recalled coming into Testa’s first-grade classroom developmentally behind her classmates. By second grade, she was going to enrichment with gifted students and eventually was placed in the gifted program.

“Mrs. Testa was the turning point in my education, and I credit her with bringing

me from the bottom of my class to the top,” wrote the young woman now in college.

One former student recalled his dread of the school’s Halloween celebration, which allowed students to wear costumes at the end of the day. This student’s family chooses not to celebrate Halloween.

“Mrs. Testa explained to my classmates why I did not have a costume and then allowed me to share what my family and church does during the fall. It was fun and the students learned why I was different but did not treat me different. Mrs. Testa has a way to make all of her students feel special, no matter the circumstances.”

A graduate of LeRoy High School, Testa was named a 2011 Kansas Regional Teacher of the Year. She earned an associate’s degree from Cowley County Community College, her bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Kansas Newman College, completed the dual language program at Kansas State University and is working toward her master’s degree in education leadership at Kansas State.

Marc Woofter

Principal
Comanche Intermediate Center
USD 443 Dodge City



“I believe that when children know we care about them (and truly care about them), they will achieve beyond our wildest expectations,” said Marc Woofter.

The more than 600 students at Comanche Intermediate Center in Dodge City are reminded every morning that Woofter, their principal, cares for them.

“Marc stands at the door of his school each day, welcome his over 600 students by name as they enter,” writes a colleague. “Whenever possible, Marc attends the Dodge City Recreation Commission’s games and activities in which his students participate. His attendance at such activities tells his students he truly cares about them.”

For Woofter, actions speak louder than words.

“Telling students that we care about them is a great start,” he said, “but to be effective we must show them. We must take a genuine interest in what they do in and out of school. We have the opportunity to do this every day.”

That relationship with Woofter makes a lasting impression.

“There were days when I felt like I didn’t belong to any ‘group’ of kids in my class; because I did not have the best shoes or the biggest house — but Mr. Woofter treated us all equally,” writes a former fifth-grade student who now is a teacher in Woofter’s building. “His optimism was contagious and he made us all feel as if it didn’t matter who we were, who our parents were, what we have or didn’t have — we ALL mattered.”

Although Woofter is recognized by colleagues and former students for all that he gives, he is quick to point out just what he receives in return.

“Spending my life as a principal, educating children is providing a full life filled with unimaginable joy.”

A graduate of Kinsley High School, Woofter earned an associate degree from Dodge City Community College, a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from St. Mary of the Plains College and a master’s degree in administration from Fort Hays State University.

2012 Master Teacher Nominees

Shelley Aistrup, Manhattan-Ogden

David Day II, Leavenworth

Tenny Dewey, Blue Valley

Cindy Ehrstein, Andover

Teresa Golden, Auburn-Washburn

Sandra Gonsler, Blue Valley

Noda Hileman, Tonganoxie

Janice Klein, Dodge City

Rod Luehrs, El Dorado

Arica Malone, Pratt

Cynthia Medina, Olathe

Kendra Metz, Lawrence

Colleen Mitchell, Emporia

Nate Naasz, Lincoln

Katrina Paradis, Salina

Truman Snow, Bishop Ward High School

Sonja Sommers-Milbourn, Butler County Community College

Kimberly Sonnich, Topeka

Vicki Stone, Council Grove

Jodi Testa, Geary County

Marc Woofter, Dodge City

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
Myrrl 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 Teichgraber, 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. 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
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- Glenda S. Watkins, Paola
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1994

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- Kathryn E. Taylor, Emporia
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Garold Robert Billionis, Fort Scott
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1995

- Cathy Colborn, Medicine Lodge
Joseph P. Glotzbach, Council Grove
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- 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. Moyer, Salina
- Janice Reutter, Medicine Lodge
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1997

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JoLene Rae Bloom, Seneca
• Patricia Gnau, Blue Valley
Mike Harvey, Pratt
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• Randall J. Warner, Olathe
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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
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2000

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• Michael R. Schainost, Osawatomie
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Goldie Wood, Dodge City

2001

• Cathy Esquibel, Dodge City
Jeanne Evans, El Dorado
• Betty Lavery, Stilwell
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Margaret McClatchey,
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Rosemary A. Riordan, Lenexa
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Barbara Fowler, Emporia
• Sue Givens, Pratt
Christine Herald, Manhattan
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Jan Prather, El Dorado
• Alexander Specht, Osawatomie

2003

• Tina Buck, Medicine Lodge
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Connie Ferree, Emporia
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Pamela, Kilgariff, Pratt
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Carol Woydziak, Dodge City

2004

Mary Elizabeth Baker, Andover
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• Greg Mittman, Valley Center
• Devra Parker, Medicine Lodge
• Patricia Weidert, Emporia
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2005

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Ken Garwick, Manhattan
• Connie Neneman, Dodge City
Sandy Hardesty, Topeka
Kathryn L. Reschke, Olathe
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• Larry Wayland, Blue Valley

2006

Jo Ellen Dambro, Emporia
Karla Ewing, Pratt
Elaine Bertels-Fasulo, Olathe
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2007

• Rob Davis, Blue Valley
Robin Dixon, Auburn-Washburn
Shelley Faerber, Manhattan-Ogden
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Angela Miller, Junction City
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2008

Alice Bertels, Auburn-Washburn
Lisa Colwell, Hays
Lori Goodson, Wamego
Rhonda Hassig, Blue Valley
• Deborah Nauwerth, Manhattan-Ogden
• Shannon Ralph, Dodge City
Kenna Reeves, Emporia State University

2009

• Kenneth J. Bingman, Blue Valley
Lynne "Christy" Boerner, Wamego
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• Sarah Smith Meadows, Topeka

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• Teresa Disberger, Council Grove
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