Outstanding Earth Science Teacher Awards (OESTA) Report 2019

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This year, OEST awards to 8 Section winners (including 1 also named as a State winner) and 20 State winners (19 plus the 1 Section winner).

Section Winners (receive full benefits listed on NAGT website)

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| Central | Dr. Michael Smith | msmith@us.edu | OH |
| Eastern | Christopher Bowring | speedoflight186@hotmail.com | VA |
| Far West | Sergio de Alba | szdealba@comcast.net | CA |
| New England | Susan Meabh Kelly | earthkelly@gmail.com | CT |
| Pacific Northwest | Renee Drummond | renee.drummond@juneauschools.org | AK |
| Southeastern | Andrea Starks | astarks901@yahoo.com | TN |
| Southwest | Hank Shoop | Hank.Shoop@dvusd.org | AZ |
| Texas | Isabel Anaya | isabel.anaya@nisd.net | TX |

There were no nominations in the Midcontinent and North Central Sections.

State Winners

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| AK | Renee Drummond | renee.drummond@juneauschools.org |
| AL | Ricky Conte | rconte@hoover.k12.al.us |
| CA | Kevin Lesback | klebsack@cuyamaunified.org |
| CT | Lindsay Waack | lwaack@fairfieldschools.org |
| FL | Maggie Paxton | paxsonma@gm.sbac.edu |
| GA | Deborah Lynn Sheppard | Sheppard@fultonschools.org |
| IN | John Hesser | hesserj@myips.org |
| MI | Sarah Geborkoff | sgeborkoff@hpts.us |
| MN | Jill Holz | jill.holz@wayzataschools.org |
| MS | Brooke Dodd | Bdodd@webstercountyschool.org |
| NC | Marta Toran | toranml@appstate.edu |
| NJ | Matthew G Fichter | Fichter@cranfordschools.org |
| NY | Christine Scavone | CScavone@schools.nyc.gov |
| OH | Michael Koenig | MKOENIG@gcswave.com |
| OR | Jim Hartmann | HartmannJ@wlwv.k12.or.us |
| PA | Andrea Mangold | amangold@crsd.org |
| SC | Kimberley Norris-Jones | knorris@richland2.org |
| VA | Christopher Bowring | speedoflight186@hotmail.com |
| WA | Alice Ryan | alice.ryan@quileutetribalschool.org |
| WV | Angela McKeen | amckeen@notredamewv.org |

Current Section OESTA Coordinators:

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| Central | Susan Wolf |
| Eastern | Christopher Roemmelle |
| Far Western | Craig Poole |
| Midcontinent | Aida Farough |
| New England | Lori Weeden |
| North Central | Suki Smaglik |
| Pacific Northwest | Jodie Harnden |
| Southeastern | Frank Forcino |
| Southwest | Mike Passow |
| Texas | Mike Passow |
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* All winners are listed at <https://nagt.org/nagt/awards/oest.html>
* Letters were sent to every Principal announcing the award winner from their school

The OESTA Process and Procedures Manual is available at <https://nagt.org/nagt/awards/oest_manual_sum.html>.

All organizations that support our efforts to recognize the OEST winners have been notified with a list of the 2019 award winners. It would be great if you could also drop them a note to thank them for their continued support. (Organizations and contact info listed below):

GSA: [Dominique Olvera](mailto:dolvera@geosociety.org)

USGS: [Dr. Eleanor Snow](mailto:esnow@usgs.gov)

AGI: [Juliet Crowell](mailto:jmcrowell@agiweb.org)

NESTA: [Carla McAuliffe](mailto:carla_mcauliffe@terc.edu)

AIPG: [Wendy Davidson](mailto:aipg@aipg.org)

(Note: I am not sure AGU still participates in providing recognition for OESTAs.)

Recommendations:

1. We need to find replacements for Sections where current chairs have or are stepping down.
2. If Inactive Sections remain in that status, we need to develop better processes to solicit nominations for teachers in those areas.
3. We need to expand efforts to remain linked with past winners so they continue to contribute to NAGT and Earth Science Education.
4. We should consider increasing rewards to State winners so they also want to remain active.

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Respectfully submitted,

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