



Sigma Xi

Kirksville Chapter

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Dear Principal,

The Kirksville Chapter of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society, is seeking to recognize outstanding K-12 teachers in science or mathematics in Northeast Missouri. We provide an annual recognition for an elementary and a secondary teacher.

The Chapter is soliciting your nominations for Outstanding Secondary School Teacher Award in Science and Math and/or Outstanding Elementary School Teacher Award in Science and Math. We would like your assistance in identifying individuals who are deserving of this recognition. The awardees and a guest will be invited to attend our Annual Banquet to be held Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at Truman State University, at which time they will be presented a plaque, a one-year subscription to American Scientist magazine, and a small honorarium. The announcement will receive media coverage in local newspapers.

The mission of Sigma Xi is to honor scientific accomplishments, to encourage and enhance worldwide appreciation and support of original investigation in science and technology, and to foster a creative and dynamic interaction among science, technology, and society. The Kirksville Chapter is composed of over 60 members including biologists, chemists, physicists, biomedical scientists, mathematicians, and physicians from Truman State University, the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, and the general community. The goal of the Kirksville Chapter, like that of the National Sigma Xi, is to promote scientific research and education.

Please complete the attached nomination form. To facilitate the selection process, it would be helpful if the nomination form were accompanied by supporting letters from colleagues and current or former students. The accompanying letters should include specific examples of contributions the nominee has made to science and math education in the school programs, extracurricular programs, and/or community services activities. Return the nomination form and all supporting materials to me at the address below. Please mail your nomination so that it arrives no later than Friday, December 20, 2002. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Diana C. J. Rhodes, D.V.M., Ph.D.
President, Kirksville Sigma Xi
Enclosure

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Science or Math Teacher-of-the-Year Award

Nomination Form

Kirksville Chapter, Sigma Xi

A. Nominee Information

Nominee's Name: _____ Year they began teaching: _____

Grades taught: _____ Total Years teaching: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

B. Narratives

Please provide a short response to the following questions on a separate piece(s) of paper.

1. Describe a specific example of how the nominee has stimulated students' interest in science and/or math.
2. Describe any unique courses developed or taught by the nominee.
3. Describe the nominee's extra-curricular contributions to science/math education (e.g., tutoring sessions, science club, field trips, after-school activities or science fairs, etc.)
4. Describe the personal qualities that make the nominee a special teacher.
5. List any additional activities or interests of the nominee that you feel deserve special mention.

C. Support Letters

In addition, please enclose one or more letters of recommendation from the nominee's colleagues or current and/or former students. These letters are very helpful if they are personal and specific.

D. Nominator Information

Nominator: _____ Signature: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

E. Nominations Due

Please return the completed form and supporting materials no later than December 20, 2002 to:

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800 West Jefferson St., Kirksville, MO 63501

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OUTSTANDING SECONDARY SCIENCE / MATH TEACHER AWARDS

KIM LITTLE - Canton High School - 1991

SANDI BAHR - Kirksville Senior High School - 1992

MONTE MORRIS - Clark County High School - 1993

RON WHITTAKER - Mexico Senior High School - 1994

KRISTA FLOWERS - Hannibal High School - 1995

FORREST LAMBETH - Mark Twain High School - 1996

ALAN DANIELS - Kirksville Junior High School - 1997

SHARON VEATCH - Scotland County Junior-Senior High School - 1998

MYRNA MAIN - Macon High School - 1999

THURLOW SCHAUFFLER - Westran R-1 Public School - 2000

JANIE THEOBALD - Mary Immaculate School - 2001

DENISE HARVEY - Clark County High School - 2002

OUTSTANDING ELEMENTARY SCIENCE / MATH TEACHER AWARD

MARY ELLEN BISHOP - Mary Immaculate Catholic School - 1993

MYRA COLLINS - Kirksville Elementary School - 1999

SANDRA NEUSWANGER - Kirksville Primary School - 2000

JANIE FOUCH - Faith Lutheran School - 2001

DARREN ARP - Canton Elementary School - 2002

