

61<sup>st</sup> Annual  
Kansas  
Master  
Teacher  
Award

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# 2014 Master Teacher Schedule

## April 2, 2014

**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**      **Dean’s Luncheon**  
Host: Dr. Kenneth A. Weaver

**2:30-3:45 p.m.**      **Seminar – “Master Teachers: Reflecting Excellence”**  
**Jones Conference Center, Room 330, Visser Hall**  
Coordinators: Dr. Kirsten Limpert  
Ms. Lindy Whetzel

**5:15-6:00 p.m.**      **Social**  
**Webb Hall Lobby**

**6:00 p.m.**      **Master Teacher Award Dinner**  
**Webb Hall**  
Toastmaster: Mr. Tyler Curtis, Executive Director,  
Emporia State University Alumni Relations

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## **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, Dr. 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 wristwatches were more appropriate, so watches were awarded. C.O. Wright, executive secretary of the Kansas State Teachers Association, suggested 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.

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

The 2014 selection committee members were Frank Henderson, Jr., Kansas Association of School Boards; Toby Countryman, Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals; Kay Hill, Kansas Association of Elementary School Principals; Mark Farr, Kansas National Education Association; Tammy Bartels, Kansas Parent Teacher Association; Craig Wilford, United School Administrators of Kansas; Carol Strickland, National Teachers Hall of Fame; Bill Sailors, Center for Innovative School Leadership; Kady Paul, Kappa Delta Pi (Student Representative); Michelle Bogner and Michele Palmgren, 2013 Kansas Master Teachers.

A committee of Emporia State University faculty, staff and administrators coordinates the local arrangements. The committee includes Roger Caswell, Tyler Curtis, Gwen Larson, Kevin Johnson, Lori Mann, Sharon Mayers, Gwen Spade, Scott Waters, Ken Weaver and Lucie Eusey, Chair.

More information concerning the Kansas Master Teacher Award program is available on The Teachers College web site. Go to [www.emporia.edu/teach/master/](http://www.emporia.edu/teach/master/).

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## 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 Kansas State Teachers College. He received his Ph.D. 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.

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## Bonnie Austin

Secondary Mathematics Teacher and Instructional Coach  
Dodge City High School  
USD 443 Dodge City



Describing herself as a “cheerleader for the underdog,” Bonnie Austin’s nearly 30-year career as an educator is filled with students who found her classroom magical.

“She has been a private tutor for my own kids and we have dubbed her the ‘Math Whisperer’ at our house,” wrote a Dodge City principal. “As my son once said, you just sit down next to her and math becomes easier to understand.”

Austin earned a bachelor’s degree in humanities/elementary education with a minor in mathematics from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, and a master’s degree in elementary administration from Fort Hays State University.

Since beginning her career teaching sixth-through ninth-grade mathematics in the Dodge City school district, Austin’s students have expanded from middle-school age to college age and fellow educators in the district. Austin has been a math teacher and instructional coach at Dodge City High School since 2009. She is also an adjunct instructor of intermediate algebra during the summer at Dodge City Community College.

“Even though the age of my students may change,” said Austin, “my philosophy of teaching remains the same. Confidence, belief, curiosity and the hunger to learn are

the cornerstones of my philosophy.”

Austin’s magical ability to explain mathematics has allowed her students to achieve their dreams. “I took three math classes and failed them all,” a former student recalled, “but to put salt on an open wound, one of those teachers told me there was no way I would ever pass a college math class, and I should try finding a job that didn’t require a degree.”

Once she walked into Austin’s college classroom, the world opened up and she now is a physical earth science teacher. “When I’m in class now, my only hope is that I can touch my students’ lives like Mrs. Austin touched mine.”

Austin’s talents and willingness to serve others extend beyond the classroom. She is an active member and musician at Wilroads Gardens Christian Church, a court-appointed family advocate, and volunteers with the Boy Scouts, the Dodge City Swim Team and a wide range of other civic organizations.

“Bonnie isn’t just a teacher,” wrote a college professor. “She is an integral part of the community here and does her best to reinforce the importance of life-long learning and ‘making a difference’ to her students, to her colleagues and to adults in Dodge City.”



## John V. Bode

Third-grade Teacher  
New York Elementary School  
USD 497 Lawrence

Data may drive every decision that John V. Bode makes in the classroom, but what his students and their parents see and remember is the personal attention Bode gives each student and the ways he makes lessons relevant.

“Like most teachers, Mr. Bode had us do reading groups,” wrote a former student, who said she didn’t like reading. “In Mr. Bode’s class though...I often found that I really got into reading because I was so interested in the questions Mr. Bode had thought up for us.”

Data was invaluable when working with students as a speech-language pathologist, a career Bode began in Denver after earning bachelor’s and master’s degrees from The University of Kansas.

“After a decade as a speech pathologist, it became clear that I needed to make a change,” Bode said. “While I loved my work, in my heart I knew I could do so much more. It was time to become a classroom teacher, helping all students, not only students with speech/language disabilities, excel.”

Bode earned his teacher certification in 2002 from Ottawa University in Kansas City and worked as a special education teacher before taking a third-grade classroom at New York Elementary in 2003.

In the classroom, Bode’s unique approach includes using music he’s composed to teach math concepts, and using supplemental science activities to teach cooperative learning. At the same time, he encourages individual students’ interests, from Native American Hoop Dancing to drawing.

One parent recalled a parent-teacher conference at which Bode showed him his daughter’s desk covered in pencil drawings. “I was ashamed, thinking that he was going to tell us to discipline her at home,” the parent wrote. “Instead, he praised her talents and said that he told my daughter she could keep that till the end of the semester, and then she needed to clean the desk, which she did.”

Outside the classroom, Bode uses his musical talent to perform benefit concerts, was a Stephen Minister at Trinity Lutheran Church, and worked with Save Our Neighborhood Schools when budget cuts threatened New York Elementary.

“It meant so much to see that our child’s teacher was not just punching a time clock at the school but had put his heart and soul into the community,” wrote one parent. “He kept the debate out of the classroom, maintaining the stability and security of that space for his students.”

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## Lori Gunzelman

Seventh-grade Mathematics Teacher  
Andover Central Middle School  
USD 385 Andover



Lori Gunzelman's seventh-grade classroom at Andover Central Middle School includes more than mathematics instruction.

"High expectations for all students is the driving force in my classroom," Gunzelman explained. "It is my expectation that all students will grow mathematically but also build social and responsibility skills during their time in my class."

According to former students and their parents, Gunzelman accomplishes her goal. "One particular talent Mrs. Gunzelman possesses is the ability to create lessons of interest to the students," wrote one parent. "She is able to teach math by engaging the students in projects so creative that often times, the students are so wrapped up in the project, they are unaware of the depth of learning that just occurred."

Some of Gunzelman's unique classroom projects include the Barbie Jump in which students calculate how many rubber bands Barbie needs to survive a bungee jump from the football field bleachers; using The Price Is Right game show to study simple and compound probability; and creating projects to explore three-dimensional geometry.

"One group investigated to determine if Double-Stuffed Oreo cookies were truly

double-stuffed by finding the volume of the filling as well as weighing the cookies," Gunzelman explained. "Their results determined they were not, in fact, double-stuffed—naturally this caused great angst for eighth graders!"

High expectations from Gunzelman were welcome, recalled a former eighth-grader. "I truly believe that one of the reasons Mrs. Gunzelman's students succeed is because she expects them to."

Gunzelman began teaching in 1994 after earning her bachelor's degree in secondary education from Kansas State University with endorsements in math, physics, chemistry and earth science. In 2000, she earned a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Wichita State University.

She works to instill a sense of service in students both in her classroom and at the school, where she has served as student council co-sponsor. Recently, Gunzelman has connected the popular annual food drive with math standards.

"Many computation skills are involved during the week as students help to collect, count and sort the food while also maintaining a spreadsheet of the data and creating the graph—but students don't view their work as 'doing math' as they are active and involved in an important task."





## Signe Truelove

Special Education Teacher  
Emporia Middle School  
USD 253 Emporia

Special education teacher Signe Truelove is the go-to person at Emporia Middle School.

“Students wanted to be in her class; teachers wanted her on their team,” recalled a former administrator with 35 years experience in public education. “She is the kind of person I wanted my kids to have as a teacher; she is the kind of person I hope my grandkids have as a teacher.”

That sentiment is echoed by a colleague, herself a special education teacher, whose son was in Truelove’s classroom. “There is one thing to know a colleague from a work standpoint but you find out about an individual’s true teaching skills when you have a child of your own in their class,” she wrote.

Truelove earned her bachelor’s degree in education from Emporia State University in 1993 with certifications in English for speakers of other languages, learning disabilities, American history, geography, political science/government and world history. She earned a master’s degree from Emporia State in 2002 and an English for speakers of other languages endorsement from Kansas State University in 2006.

She has been a special education teacher at Emporia Middle School since 1999. At the middle school, Truelove maintains

her own special education classroom, co-teaches in other classrooms and also teaches an intensive reading class.

“She pushed me and took time out of her life to help me find that reading is not all bad as long as you have the right book,” said a former student. “She personally found books for me to read all through the two years that I attended middle school.”

In the former EMS Transition Room, Truelove’s students worked on numerous community service projects including making and packaging lip balm to send to soldiers; making valentines and thank-you cards for veterans, cards for New York City firefighters and buttons for parents of Emporia High School football players.

Outside the school, Truelove’s community involvement includes participating in Relay for Life and serving as a youth mentor for former students. For Truelove, developing relationships with her students is key to their success.

“Research shows that strong correlations exist between student achievement and positive relationships,” Truelove said. “By creating a classroom environment with mutual respect and cooperation, I have formed strong relationships with students that have lasted beyond high school.”

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## Carla Varner

Fifth-grade Teacher  
Lincoln Elementary School  
USD 490 El Dorado



For Carla Varner, teaching is not a “one size fits all” profession.

“Teachers need to have lessons that cover a range of skills to meet the needs of their students,” she said. “I try to take field trips, have guest speakers and support a large variety of learning opportunities whenever possible.”

And some field trips have a personal component. “Last year we took a field trip to my family’s farm where we cooked a meal over a fire,” she recalled. “Several students wanted to know if we were going to have s’mores because they had never had them. You guessed it — our meal was topped off with s’mores.”

Varner earned her bachelor’s degree in education from Emporia State University in 1987. She taught third and fourth grades for 20 years at Lincoln Elementary in El Dorado before moving to fifth grade in 2007.

Unique classroom projects include creating a community quilt and making bread in a bag, both projects that show students how to work toward longer term goals; creating window displays for a local business the class adopts; developing a famous Kansas character for an in-school wax museum and participating in the Adopt-A-Farmer program through the local Farm Bureau.

Varner’s relationships with her students may begin when they enter her classroom but they don’t end when they move to sixth grade. “I will be their proud ‘school-mom’ whenever I hear about them in the future,” she said. “I love to see my students performing at the high school activities, visiting our school with the band, etc.”

One student recalled visiting Varner’s classroom as a high school senior athlete. “When I walked into the room it brought me back to fourth grade,” he said. “I remembered her smile and the little chairs. We introduced ourselves and Mrs. Varner told stories about me, and she remembered every detail.”

Family involvement is key, said one parent who had two daughters go through Varner’s fourth-grade classroom. “Her classroom always had an open door policy,” she wrote, “and we were always welcomed and encouraged to help with activities. We very much appreciated the opportunity to participate and contribute.”

Varner also contributes to the community. She is active in the community as a 4-H leader; a member, teacher and leader at El Dorado First Presbyterian Church; and serves with her daughter’s school parent-teacher organization.



## Kathleen Wilhite

Secondary Mathematics Teacher (Retired)  
Olathe South High School  
USD 223 Olathe

For Kathleen Wilhite, “math power” is key to the future success of her students.

“They may never see the innate beauty I see in mathematics,” she said, “but they should see the usefulness of mathematics and use their own mathematical skills sets to successfully solve real world problems.”

Wilhite began her career in 1972 as math teacher for seventh through ninth grades at Old Mission Junior High School in the Shawnee Mission district. She retired in 2013 from Olathe South High School where she taught geometry, advanced algebra 2 and trigonometry.

She earned her bachelor’s degree in English and secondary mathematics from Emporia State University in 1972 and her master’s degree in educational psychology and research from The University of Kansas in 1992.

“I am a study in the evolution of math education over the last four decades,” Wilhite said. “I started my career as a traditionalist with quiet students all arranged in neat lines of desks with myself as the center of attention. However, my views of students’ needs and my understanding of how students learn changed quickly and therefore my role as teacher and the structure of the class changed as well.”

In her classroom, Wilhite went beyond teaching the theories and practice of mathematics. She also taught the history of mathematics by helping her students learn about mathematicians, developments, and discoveries in the science of mathematics.

“Mrs. Wilhite wouldn’t just introduce a new concept — she’d explain where it came from and make sure we understood not just what to do but why to do it,” wrote a former student. “I have on many occasions remembered a forgotten mathematical skill by recalling how and why it works.”

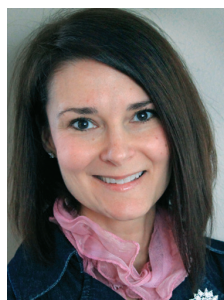
Along the way, Wilhite pushed her students to succeed. “One could say I was a trouble student,” recalled a former student who earned a substantial scholarship to study civil engineering at Colorado State University. “If it wasn’t for Mrs. Wilhite seeing through my flaws to my potential that year, I would not be where I am today.”

Outside the classroom, Wilhite has been involved with Science Pioneers, which encourages youths to pursue careers in the STEM fields; the Expanding Your Horizons program to encourage sixth- through eighth-grade girls to pursue math and science, and coaching MATHCOUNTS teams.

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## Maria Worthington

English Language Arts Teacher  
Blue Valley North High School  
USD 229 Blue Valley



**P**assion. Devotion. A calling. Three of many descriptors used by those who know Maria Worthington, who teaches English and language arts at Blue Valley North High School.

“Her passion for the language and the literature itself, her love for the students, and her devotion to teaching as a whole is what makes Mrs. Worthington one of the few who can in turn inspire a true love of learning in her students,” wrote a current senior in her classroom.

Worthington earned both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in education from The University of Kansas. She became a National Board Certified Teacher in 2006.

For Worthington, a career in education was a natural fit. “The teaching genes are strong in my family,” she said.

Her mother, a retired teacher, “still lovingly teaches and inspires daily,” she said. Her maternal grandfather began as a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse and was honored with the Valley Forge Freedoms Foundation Award in 1961. “Beyond crafting lessons and assigning homework, I believe in looking at each student with empathy, just like my mother taught.”

Being able to see inside her students and motivating them leaves a lasting impact. “I truthfully will never forget the first

morning I went in for extra help on an essay, for it was one of the first times in my life when someone that I respected and admired showed true faith in my writing,” a student wrote. “For perhaps the first time in my life, I had true faith in myself.”

Worthington brings her outside experience into the classroom. For one assignment, she helped students craft submissions to National Public Radio’s This I Believe website. Through a national Crystal Apple Award from Time Warner Cable, Worthington was able to bring stars from the Animal Planet cable channel to the school for an assembly, working with biology and zoology teachers to make it relevant for all students.

Her involvement with Wounded Warrior Projects — completing the Tough Mudder 11-mile Special Operations Forces charity run — turned into a literature unit using “All Quiet on the Western Front” with students raising money for the Wounded Warrior Project.

Worthington also has served on the board of Fairway Homes Association, organized a kickball tournament with advanced placement students to raise money for Harvesters and works with the curriculum committee of her Old Mission Methodist Church.

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## 2014 Master Teacher Nominees

Bonnie Austin, Dodge City

Darcey Bast, Kansas City, KS

John V. Bode, Lawrence

Pam Branaman, Pratt

Brandon J. Cheeks, Salina

Daniel Dinkel, Geary County

Terri S. Goodell, Council Grove

Teresa M. Gross, Hays

Lori Gunzelman, Andover

Lana R. Miller, Blue Valley

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Tim Nedeau, Scranton  
Carolyn Scott, Manhattan-Ogden  
Signe Truelove, Emporia  
Lindsey Umscheid, Manhattan-Ogden  
Amy L. Valentas, Andover  
Carla Varner, El Dorado  
Karen Elder Waddell, Butler Community College  
Kathleen Wilhite, Olathe  
Maria Worthington, Blue Valley

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# 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, University of Kansas

## 1956

Florence K. Belding, Iola  
Dr. Jane M. Carroll,  
Pittsburg State University  
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,  
University of Kansas  
Una Funk, Council Grove  
Mildred P. Parker, Hutchinson  
Dr. Clyde U. Phillips,  
Fort Hays State University  
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 State University  
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

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## 1962

Dr. William A. Black,  
Pittsburg State University  
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 State University  
Lois Hogue, Pratt  
Dr. Perva M. Hughes,  
Pittsburg State University  
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 State University

## 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



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**1971**

Dr. Kenneth Anderson,  
University of Kansas  
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 State University  
Leona Velen, Manhattan  
\* F. Royd Herr, Topeka,  
State Dept. of Education

**1973**

Mildred Barber, Concordia  
Dr. Elton W. Cline,  
Pittsburg State University  
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 State University  
Darlene Theno, Basehor  
Eleanor White, Dodge City  
\* Dr. James A. McCain, President,  
Kansas State University

**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 State University

**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 State University

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## 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 State University

## 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, President,  
Emporia State University

## 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, President,  
Emporia State University

## 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 State University

## 1987

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

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## 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 State University

## 1990

- Dr. Thomas Christie, Lawrence
- Gretchen Davis, Overland Park
- Dr. E. Sutton Flynt,  
Pittsburg State University
- 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
- Alice M. Shaffer, Overland Park
- Glenda S. Watkins, Paola
- \* Dr. Daryl Berry,  
Emporia State University

## 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, President,  
Emporia State University

## 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

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## 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 State University

## 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,  
Emporia State University

## 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

## 2004

Mary Elizabeth Baker, Andover  
Luana Bitter, Pratt  
Patricia Grzenda, Lawrence  
Nicki Hancock, Olathe

- Greg Mittman, Valley Center
- Devra Parker, Medicine Lodge
- Patricia Weidert, Emporia

\* William Samuelson,  
Emporia State University

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## 2005

Mary Van Dyke, Atchinson  
Ken Garwick, Manhattan  
• Connie Neneman, Dodge City  
Sandy Hardesty, Topeka  
Kathryn L. Reschke, Olathe  
Kimberly Thomas, Wichita  
• Larry Wayland, Blue Valley

## 2006

Jo Ellen Dambro, Emporia  
Karla Ewing, Pratt  
Elaine Bertels-Fasulo, Olathe  
Sherry Hutchcraft, Dodge City  
Vicki O'Neal, Baxter Springs  
• Bob Peterson, Butler County  
Community College  
• Marilyn K. Vaughan, Leawood  
\* Kay Schallenkamp, President,  
Emporia State University

## 2007

• Rob Davis, Blue Valley  
Robin Dixon, Auburn-Washburn  
Shelley Faerber, Manhattan-Ogden  
Diane Ladenburger, Pratt  
• Marilyn McComber, Emporia  
Angela Miller, Junction City  
Elouise Miller, Hays  
\* Tes Mehring, Dean,  
Emporia State University

## 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

\* Special Award

• Black Endowed Chair Recipient

## 2009

• Kenneth J. Bingman, Blue Valley  
Lynne "Christy" Boerner, Wamego  
Barbara Duffer Cole, Shawnee Heights  
Beverly Steele Furlong, Gardner-Edgerton  
Jeline Harclerode, Emporia  
Barbara McCalla, Augusta  
• Sarah Smith Meadows, Topeka

## 2010

Eleanor Browning, Emporia  
• Kathy Doussa, Dodge City  
Michael Dunlap, Blue Valley  
Lou Ann Getz, Manhattan-Ogden  
Sheila Lewis, Shawnee Heights  
• Andrea Saylor-Siefkes, St. John/Hudson  
Kassie Shook, Lawrence  
\* Scott Irwin, Emporia State University

## 2011

Sonda Copeland, Manhattan-Ogden  
• Teresa Disberger, Council Grove  
Martha Hadsall, Anthony-Harper  
Rick Hildebrand, Barnes-Hanover-Linn  
Nancy Pence, Blue Valley  
• Janice Romeiser, Emporia State University  
Marcia Troutfetter, Salina

## 2012

Shelley Aistrup, Manhattan-Ogden  
• Cindy Ehrstein, Andover  
• Sandra Gonsher, Blue Valley  
Kendra Metz, Lawrence  
Katrina Paradis, Salina  
Jodi Testa, Geary County  
Marc Woofter, Dodge City

## 2013

Juliann Bliese, Olathe  
• Michelle Lynn Bogner, Dodge City  
Kathleen Bowen, Lawrence  
Kacie Evans, Morris County  
Kelley Norman, Topeka  
• Michele Ann Palmgren, Salina  
Tara Walrod, Blue Valley