

MISSOURI ACTE AWARDS

Legislative Recognition Award: Rep. Lauer



Rep. Jeanie Lauer

Rep. Jeanie Lauer, a Republican, represents part of Jackson County (District 32) in the Missouri House of Representatives. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2010. She currently Chairs the House Workforce Development Committee, and serves on the Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee and the Special Committee on Innovation and Technology.

In addition to her legislative duties, Rep. Lauer is the founder and owner of The Management Edge, a firm providing mediation, strategic planning and performance improvement services to area enterprises. She has also served as the Blue Springs District 1 City Councilwoman.

Rep. Lauer has served as the co-chair of Renew the Blue and the city's Tax Increment Financing Commission. She also served on the Blue Springs Planning Commission with the Missouri Municipal League. Rep. Lauer is a graduate of Blue Springs first Police Citizens Police Academy, and has been named Blue Springs Citizen of the Year and Outstanding Civic Leader, both in 2007.

Rep. Lauer has a B.S. in Mathematics and an M.B.A.

Award of Merit Recipients



Barbara Houk

Barbara Houk has been involved in the Missouri Health Sciences Educators Division for 22 years and has served on the MHSE Board for 19 years as the Skills USA Representative. She was the MHSE Division President in 2011 and was responsible for seeing the MHSE division of MoACTE was planned and planned board meetings for the year. Barbara was awarded the Outstanding Educator Award in 2012. She has been a member of ACTE for over 20 years, served as MoACTE President and is currently serving as the MoACTE Past President. She has been a regular attendee of National ACTE and Vison, NPS and the Region III conference. She enjoyed helping plan and host Region III in Missouri last year. Barbara also has been involved in assisting in the transition MoACTE has been experiencing since the Executive Director retired December 31, 2015.

Barbara has been the Health Occupations Instructor at Clinton Technical School, Clinton, Missouri since 1995. She also is involved in Endoscopy, Education, Pain Clinic, Outpatient Services and Quality Management RN as needed at the Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare in Clinton, Missouri. Barbara has been a vital member of the MoACTE Executive Board helping to insure we have provided quality services to our membership for the past two years during our transition. Without dedicated professionals such as Barb who have a passion for Career and Technical Education we would not have been able to function effectively without her leadership. Barb was recognized in June with the Missouri Award of Merit for ACTE Region III in Indianapolis, IN. The Missouri Association would like to thank and honor Barb for her leadership.

Pam Rowland is a retired agriculture teacher and currently the Missouri Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association Treasurer. She has served in the capacity since 2007. She has served as the Teacher Recruitment and Retention Coordinator for Missouri Ag Education since 2014. She is currently co-owner of the Stoddard County Seed and Feed and partner in HR Farms.

Pam taught agriculture for 29 years in Oran, Couch and Doniphan, Missouri. She served on many MVATA committee and held several leadership positions, including State MVATA President. She has been on the MoACTE Membership committee for 9 years.

Pam has received Honorary State and American FFA degrees, Missouri and the Region IV NAAE Outstanding Service Award. The of Missouri would like to nominate her for the Award of Merit for her past dedication to the teaching profession and for the many hours she has spent helping with the finances, audit and budget during our transition since the retirement of our executive director. Pam has diligently worked on the Missouri Associations finances with no compensation. She is currently serving as our treasurer for MoACTE. Pam was recognized in June with the Missouri Award of Merit for ACTE Region III in Indianapolis, IN. She has a dedication and passion for Career and Technical Educator as is evident in her bio. We would like to thank and honor Pam for this dedication to our association.



Pam Rowland

*New Teacher of the Year Award:
Ashley DeVore*



Mrs. Ashley DeVore is currently teaching Family and Consumer Sciences at Bolivar High School. She has just completed her fourth year of teaching. She is an FCCLA Adviser, and serves as MoEFACS Secretary. Those who nominated Mrs. DeVore has this to say, “Mrs. DeVore has only been at BHS for two years, but already she is a leader in our school. Her students have competed and achieved remarkably all the way to the national level. More notably, her students have made an impact in the community through various service projects.” “Ashley has a passion for teaching. She is an excellent role model for the young people that enter her classroom. She is a dedicated teacher that goes above and beyond her day to day contract time.” Ashley says that one of her biggest accomplishments is completing the National FCCLA Adviser Academy and presenting on using Google Classroom at the 2016 MOACTE Summer Conference.

*Administrator of the Year Award:
Keith Davis*



Mr. Keith Davis is currently the Director of Lebanon Technology and Career Center. Prior to that Mr. Davis spent many years as an Ag Instructor. Those who nominated Mr. Davis had the following to say about him. “Mr. Davis eats and breathes Career Technical Education. He is passionate about CTE and this is evident when you first meet him! Mr. Davis is constantly thinking about how LTCC can better the educational experience for students. When an idea is presented to him, the first thing he will ask is, “How will this benefit our students?” The students ALWAYS come first.” “Mr. Davis displayed insight, vision, and courage to stand for his beliefs as he led our organization during some very challenging times for Career and Technical Education in Missouri. He continues to help CTE with his support and experiences.”

*Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year
Award: Roger McMillian*



Mr. Roger McMillian is currently a Business Education Professor at Mineral Area College, where he also serves as department chair. Mr. McMillian has just completed his 20th year of teaching and says, "Teaching has given me the ability to change lives both today and tomorrow." He has been a valuable and contributing member to many professional organizations. Those who nominated Mr. McMillian had this to say about him, "I always know we can count on him to serve on committees, manage special projects and exhibit a positive attitude to our students. Roger has developed one of the most respected networking program in the State, his students always excel." "Mr. McMillian is one of the most supportive instructors I have ever studied under. His mentoring skills assisted me in conquering the technical knowledge I lacked. He listened to my interests and paid close attention to my previous work experience. He recognized details about my interests and aided me in finding my niche. When he became my advisor, he provided excellent direction accompanied with constant encouragement which continually drove me to continue. He went the extra mile to ensure my success."

*C. Perkins Community Service
Award: Tiffany Kauffman*



Mrs. Tiffany Kauffman is currently the Ag Educator and FFA Advisor at Seymour R-II. She has just completed her 15th year of teaching. Through her program students average 50+ hours of community service each year. Those that nominated Mrs. Kauffman said this, "I have never worked with a person who gives as much attention to detail as she does. Her willingness to take on difficult projects shows her diligence. She will see everything to successful completion and has repeatedly impressed me with her style of leadership. She projects a warm, cheerful attitude to all and handles conflict and difficult situations with remarkable patience and admirable tact." "Tiffany is popular among students, fellow educators, and community members alike. She works well independently, but is also someone everyone wants to collaborate with. She is able to keep projects on track while making sure everyone in her group is valued and included. She has demonstrated admirable leadership skills. Many students and fellow educators have sought her advice, and many have shared with me their appreciation of her pleasant, encouraging attitude."