



EEAI Awards History

COEAI President Douglas Shock first suggested establishing awards in 1974. Throughout the years of the organization (both as COEAI and EEAI), the names given to the awards have changed, and some years we have no record of the award actually having a name. It would probably be safe to title awards these years as "Recognition of Excellence" awards.

Since 1996, EEAI awards have been more consistently titled. Here are the titles of the awards, the criteria for receiving them, and a listing of all known awards bestowed, with workshop locations included where possible:

Howard Michaud Award

This Award is given to an individual in recognition of their long-term devotion, dedication, and contributions to environmental education in the state of Indiana.

The Michaud award was originally to be a 2-part award: one award to an educator (which we have continued to do) and one to a student, to include a savings bond (which has not been continued). The first and only recipient of the student Michaud Award was Andrea E. Hogan, high school junior from Greenwood, for her environmental education science project at the Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair. She received the award and a \$50 savings bond.

Howard Michaud began his career as a biology teacher in northeast Indiana, working summers as the first chief naturalist for the Indiana Division of State Parks. He then became a professor of conservation at Purdue University, where he stayed from 1946 to 1971. He was a founding father and officer of many conservation education organizations, including EEAI, and has been recognized in "Leaders of American Conservation" and "Who's Who In America." Howard Michaud was also named the first recipient of the Theodore Roosevelt award for an outstanding career in education in 1993. Howard's contributions to conservation and environmental education have been an inspiration and model for all of those who follow. Anyone who has made a long time commitment in the field of environmental education can be nominated for this award. An individual need not be a member of EEAI to be nominated.

Joe Wright Recognition of Excellence Award

Through the years, EEAI has given the Recognition of Excellence Awards to recognize specific achievements in the field of environmental education. Recipients of this award have been teachers, naturalists, education project coordinators, and natural resource agency personnel. In 1995 the name of this award was changed to the Joe Wright Recognition of Excellence Award, in honor of retiring Department of Education Science Consultant Joe Wright. Joe Wright was the first recipient of this award.

Joe began his duties with the Indiana Department of Education (then the Department of Public Instruction) in 1968, and from that time on began stimulating interest and enthusiasm in teachers for conservation education. He was quick to offer encouragement and provide educational resources and expertise whenever asked. Recipients of this award are recognized for current achievements in environmental education. A recipient need not be a member of EEAI.

EEAI President's Award

The recipients of the President's Award are selected by the current president of EEAI in recognition of their assistance to the organization or contributions to the field of environmental education during the past year. This award is given at the discretion of the president and may not be presented every year. A recipient need not be a member of EEAI.

All known Awards

For less confusion, all early awards that were either unnamed or having names different than what is recognized today are included in the category "**Recognition of Excellence.**" This category also includes all Joe Wright Awards.

1975 / Indiana Central College, Indianapolis

Certificate in Recognition of Achievement in Designing Distinguished Environmental Study Areas presented to:

Glenn Linnert, EE Director, New Albany-Floyd Co. Schools

Howard H. Michaud, CREED editor

Douglas L. Waldman, Homestead Jr.-Sr. High School, Fort Wayne.

1976 / McCormick's Creek State Park, Spencer

(Names of Awards Unknown) presented to:

Joe Wright, EE Consultant, Indiana Dept. of Public Instruction

Clyde Hibbs, Dept. of Natural Resources, Ball State University.

1977 / Geneva Center, Rochester

(Names of Awards Unknown) presented to:

John Moody, Indiana University Southeast

Earl Dawald, 6th grade teacher at Monmouth School in Adams County.

1978 / McCormick's Creek State Park, Spencer

Achievement Awards presented to:

Don Winslow, Assoc. Prof. of Education, Indiana University

Audrey Tanner, 6th grade teacher at Northwestern Elementary School, Howard County

Carol Wood, 6th grade teacher, South Elementary School, Danville

1979 / Manchester College, North Manchester

Achievement Award presented to:

Prevo L. Whitaker, recently retired educator, Bloomington.

1980 / Indiana Central University, Indianapolis

There were no awards noted in newsletter immediately following annual meeting, but special recognition (no award name given) was made in the next issue. I suspect these were probably awards at the annual meeting that were simply omitted from the last newsletter, but not sure. The recognition was given to:

John Garner, high school teacher in Cloverdale

Carol Wood, Department of Public Instruction

Carolyn Tzitz, Ball State University.

1981 / Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge, Seymour

(Names of Awards Unknown) presented to:

Herbert Montgomery, Seymour

Jim Jontz, Williamsport

Marion Community School Corporation, Marion

Prairie Heights High School, LaGrange

Indiana Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society of America.

1982 / Camp Tecumseh, Brookston

There were no awards noted in newsletter.

1983 / Izaak Walton League, Kokomo

There were no awards noted in newsletter.

1984 / FFA Leadership Center, Trafalgar

Award of Merit presented to:

Ron Dixon, Marion County SWCD

1985 / Flat Rock River YMCA Camp, St. Paul

Certificate of Appreciation presented to:

Sam Carman, IDNR Division of Forestry

1986 / Camp Tecumseh, Brookston

Recognition of Excellence presented to:

Jerry Sweeten, Director of Asherwood Environmental Center, Marion

Special Recognition awards presented to:

IDNR Division of Forestry

IDNR Division of Fish & Wildlife

USDA Soil Conservation Service

1987/ Wyandotte Woods State Recreation Area, Corydon

Recognition of Excellence presented to:

Indiana Farm Bureau

Warren Gartner, IDNR Division of Fish & Wildlife

Shelley Mitchell, IDNR Division of Forestry

Certificates of Appreciation presented to:

Darrell McGriff, Agronomist, Huntington County SCS

Jeff Cummings, Naturalist, Wyandotte Woods State Recreation Area

Ron Dixon, Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District

Howard Michaud Award of Environmental Excellence presented to:

Mary Cressel, USDA Soil Conservation Service.

1988 / Geneva Center, Rochester

Recognition of Excellence presented to:

Ned Stump, teacher at Prairie Heights High School, LaGrange

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Cynthia Wiley, Hamilton county teacher

John Van Sickle, Marion county teacher.

1989 / FFA Leadership Center, Trafalgar

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Howard Michaud, retired Professor of Conservation, Purdue University

1990 / Camp Mack, Milford

Recognition of Excellence awards presented to:

Karen Farlow, Auburn

Pam Sommer, teacher in Muncie

Susan Schultz, outdoor lab coordinator at Eden Elementary School, Greenfield

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Emily Kress, principal of St. Lawrence School, Muncie

1991 / Bradford Woods, Martinsville

Recognition of Excellence awards presented to:

Lee Sauer, Auburn

Nancy Kasdorf, Fort Wayne

Frank Williams, Westlane Middle School, Indianapolis

President's Award presented to:

Doug Waldman, Homestead High School, Ft. Wayne

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Dr. William Eberly, Biology Dept., Manchester College

1992 / Camp Mack, Milford

Recognition of Excellence awards presented to:

Rick Glassman, St. Joseph Co. SWCD

Sheryl Meyer, Anderson Highland High School, Anderson

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Joe Wright, IDOE

1993 / FCA Camp, Marshall

Recognition of Excellence awards presented to:

Jim Eagleman, Naturalist at Brown County State Park
Marty Alenduff, Environmental Science Consultant, IDOE
Warren Gartner, IDNR Division of Fish and Wildlife

President's Award presented to:

Sam Carman, IDNR Division of Forestry and CREED editor

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Dr. Marshall Parks, Indiana State University

1994 / Camp Mack, Milford

Recognition of Excellence awards presented to:

Barb Moore, IDNR Division of Forestry
Mel Lennox
Susan Fowler, "Harmony by Hand"

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Ron Dixon, Natural Resources Consultant

1995 / Twin Lakes Camp, Hillsboro

Recognition of Excellence awards presented to:

Linda Johnston, Indianapolis Clean City Committee
Susan Sheets, 6th grade teacher, Cleveland Elementary School, Elkhart
John Russell, District Wildlife Biologists, IDNR Division of Fish & Wildlife
Mark Bennett, District Wildlife Biologists, IDNR Division of Fish & Wildlife

President's Award presented to:

Susan Schultz, Environmental Education Coordinator for the Greenfield-Central Community Schools.

Joe Wright Award (formerly known as the *Recognition of Excellence Award*) presented to:

Joe Wright, Environmental Science Consultant, IDOE

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Sam Carman, IDNR Division of Forestry and CREED editor

1996 / Camp Mack, Milford

President's Award presented to:

Shelley Mitchell, Education Director, Indianapolis Zoo

Joe Wright Award presented to:

Patricia Sirk, teacher at Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School in Woodburn
Greg Gerke, Natural Resource Specialist, Marion County SWCD

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Clyde Hibbs, retired professor, Ball State University

1997 / Hidden Falls Camp, Bedford

Joe Wright Award presented to:

Darci Zolman, Kosciusko County SWCD

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Sue Schlemmer, LaGrange County SWCD

1998 / Camp Tecumseh, Brookston

President's Award presented to:

Darci Zolman, Kosciusko County SWCD

Joe Wright Award presented to:

Fred Walden, teacher at Spencer Elementary, Spencer

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

John Rouch, retired teacher, Fairfield High School

1999 / Clifty Falls State Park, Madison

President's Award presented to:

Cathy Meyer, Naturalist, Monroe County Parks & Recreation Department

Joe Wright Award presented to:

Mary Cutler, Naturalist, Tippecanoe County Parks & Recreation Department

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Doug Waldman, teacher at Homestead High School, Ft. Wayne

2000 / Oakwood Inn, Syracuse

President's Award presented to:

Deborah Messenger, IDNR Division of Soil Conservation

Joe Wright Award presented to:

Ruth Bender, teacher

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Millie Redweik, teacher

2001 / FCA Camp, Marshall

President's Award presented to:

IDNR Natural Resources Education Center

Joe Wright Award presented to:

Carole Koos, teacher

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Larry Yoder, Merry Lea Environmental Center

2002 / Waycross Center, Morgantown

President's Award presented to:

Paul McAfee, information technology consultant

Joe Wright Award presented to:

Jill Pressler, LaPorte County SWCD

Joyce Weber, teacher at Parkside Elementary, LaGrange

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Cathy Meyer, Naturalist, Monroe County Parks & Recreation Department

2003 / Pokagon State Park, Angola

President's Award presented to:

Paul Steury, Merry Lea Environmental Center

Joe Wright Award presented to:

Jan Stout, Miami County SWCD

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Ginger Murphy, IDNR Division of State Parks & Reservoirs

2004 / Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell

President's Award presented to:

Teresa Rody, IDNR Division of State Parks & Reservoirs

Joe Wright Award presented to:

Lana Zimmer, teacher in Rensselaer

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Warren Gartner, IDNR Division of Fish & Wildlife

2005 / Red Mill County Park, LaPorte

President's Award presented to:

Marvin McNew, IDNR Division of State Parks & Reservoirs

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Donald VanMeter, Ball State University

Joe Wright Award presented to:

Amanda Wuestefeld, Go FishIN Coordinator

2006 / Roberts Hotel & Minnetrista, Muncie

President's Award presented to:

Jules Erwin, LaPorte County Parks and Recreation

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Niki Schmutte, LaPorte County Parks and Recreation

Darci Zolman, Kosciusko County SWCD

Joe Wright Award presented to:

Glen Salmon, Director of Division of Fish and Wildlife

2007 / McCormick's Creek State Park, Spencer

President's Award presented to:

Jules Erwin, Naturalist for LaPorte County Parks and Recreation

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Amanda Smith, Naturalist for Hamilton County Parks and Recreation

Joe Wright Award presented to:

Jules Erwin, Naturalist for LaPorte County Parks and Recreation

Paul McAfee, Information Technology Consultant

2008 / Camp Camby, Indianapolis

President's Award presented to:

Deb Sachs, Cranial Edventures

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Dr. Lenore Tedesco, Professor for Department of Earth Sciences at IUPUI

Joe Wright Award presented to:

Amanda Wuestefeld, Div. of Fish & Wildlife's Hoosier Outdoor Heritage Coordinator & Indiana Wildlife Federation

