



# 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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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*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

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*(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

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*(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

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*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

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*Achievement Award* presented to:

Prevo L. Whitaker, recently retired educator, Bloomington.

### 1980 / Indiana Central University, Indianapolis

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*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

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*(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

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*There were no awards noted in newsletter.*

## 1983 / Izaak Walton League, Kokomo

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*There were no awards noted in newsletter.*

## 1984 / FFA Leadership Center, Trafalgar

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*Award of Merit presented to:*

Ron Dixon, Marion County SWCD

## 1985 / Flat Rock River YMCA Camp, St. Paul

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*Certificate of Appreciation presented to:*

Sam Carman, IDNR Division of Forestry

## 1986 / Camp Tecumseh, Brookston

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*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

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*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

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*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 Sickel, Marion county teacher.

## 1989 / FFA Leadership Center, Trafalgar

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*Howard Michaud Award presented to:*

Howard Michaud, retired Professor of Conservation, Purdue University

## 1990 / Camp Mack, Milford

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*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

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*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

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*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

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*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

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*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

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*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

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*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

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*Joe Wright Award presented to:*

Darci Zolman, Kosciusko County SWCD

*Howard Michaud Award presented to:*

Sue Schlemmer, LaGrange County SWCD

## 1998 / Camp Tecumseh, Brookston

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*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

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*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

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*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

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*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

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*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

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*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

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*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

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*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

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**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

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**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

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**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

## 2009 / Camp Alexander Mack, Milford

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**President's Award** presented to:

Niki Schmutte, LaPorte County Parks and Recreation

**Howard Michaud Award** presented to:

Mary Cutler, Tippecanoe County Parks and Recreation Department, Naturalist

**Joe Wright Award** presented to:

Al Walus, General Manager, Michigan City Sanitation District

Laura Moyer, LaPorte County Parks and Recreation

## 2010 / Shakamak State Park, Jasonville

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President's Award presented to:

Sam Carman, IDNR Division of Forestry

Joe Wright Award presented to:

Jan Sneddon, Earthforce

Stacy Duke, USDA-Forest Service

David Garner

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

John Garner, Greencastle High School

## 2011 / Turkey Run State Park, Marshall

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President's Award presented to:

Kara Salazar, IUPUI

Joe Wright Award presented to:

Krista Daniels, Elkhart County Parks

Howard Michaud Award presented to:

Paul McAfee