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Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching Awards

Each year, the Presidential Awards for Excellence recognize teachers who have demonstrated excellence in the fields of science and math education. Award recipients will spend a week in Washington, D.C. next spring as guests of President Clinton. Six Iowa science educators have been selected as 1993 honorees.

At the elementary level, the award recipients are Virginia Workman Elliott, STC Intermediate School, Tama; Candace Ann Kilburg, Center Point-Urbana; and Cindy Earlene Roberts, Lake View-Auburn Community Schools, Lake View.

At the secondary level, the awardees are Hector Ibarra, West Branch Middle School; Douglas Edward Nauman, Washington High School, Cedar Rapids; and John Held Zietlow, West Delaware County Community School, Manchester.

—J.M.H.

“Excellence in Polymer Education” Award

To recognize the efforts of secondary and junior high school chemistry teachers who help students meet the challenges and responsibilities of living in a technological age, the Polymer Education Committee (POLYED) of the American Chemical Society sponsors the “Award for Excellence in Polymer Education by a Junior High or High School Chemistry Teacher.”

Award applications are reviewed on the basis of two criteria:

- (1) The applicant's innovative use of classroom and laboratory activities to promote understanding of polymer chemistry and its role in the everyday lives of students.
- (2) The applicant's outreach activities to encourage other teachers to explore polymer chemistry with their students.

To obtain an application for the 1994 award, contact the Polymer Education Coordinator, Miami University-Middletown, 4200 East University Boulevard, Middletown, OH 45042. Applications will be accepted until January 31, 1994.