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Opportunities For Teachers of Exemplary Programs

The Iowa Honors Workshop Program will again offer leadership workshops for science teachers this summer. The participants include recognized science educators such as those associated with programs identified through NSTA's Search for Excellence in Science Education and the Presidential awardees.

The workshops provide opportunities to refine varied learning skills, such as assessing success. The major goal is to aid more schools and teachers to become exemplary in course structure and teaching procedures.

This year's participants will help provide in-service opportunities to schools in their states. They will also assist with in-school implementation of new materials and the collection of evaluation data.

Two-week workshops are scheduled for leaders in June. These leader/participants will be expected to present their own workshops later in the summer and/or throughout the school year to teachers willing to try new materials produced by teachers honored by the NSTA Excellence program. Most activities will be targeted for Iowa, Florida, Utah and Wyoming. Further information and application materials are available from: Iowa Honors Workshop Program, 356 Van Allen Hall, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242, (ph) 319-353-7066.

Four-year, Full-tuition Scholarships For Promising Young Iowa Scientists

Ten Iowa high school seniors have received four-year, full-tuition scholarships designed for young Iowans interested in careers in science. The ten biotechnology scholarships in agriculture were awarded to students who will enroll in Iowa State University's College of Agriculture to study the basic sciences that undergird biotechnology.

The ten students, a teacher of their choice, and the individuals and companies that endowed the scholarships were honored at a luncheon during ISU's annual spring festival, Veishea. The students are Linda Hansen, Garrigan High School, Algona; William Hoffmann, Wahlert High School, Dubuque; Carla Kehret, Nashua High School, Nashua; Michael McDowell, Herbert Hoover High School, Des Moines; John Metzger, West Lyon High School, Inwood; Matthew Musselman, Davis County Community High School, Bloomfield; Charles Pedersen, Ruthven-Ayrshire Community High School, Ruthven; Bradley Pellett, Atlantic High School, Atlantic; Kevin Powell, Starmont High School, Strawberry Point; and Leslie Wilson, Ames Senior High School, Ames.

The fall issue of the ISTJ will include details about this scholarship and application procedures. The scholarship is available exclusively to promising young Iowa scientists.