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National Earth Science Teachers Assoc. Founded

Amidst much enthusiasm and strong volunteer support (at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning at NSTA in Dallas), NESTA (National Earth Science Teachers Association) was organized. With the original 100 plus members, and those who have joined since the Dallas meeting, NESTA promises to be a dynamic support for earth science teachers resulting in greater awareness and better scientific understanding about the earth. NESTA plans a quarterly publication. Interested persons may join by sending $5 for annual dues to: NESTA, Dept. of Geology, Michigan State Univ., East Lansing, MI 48824. The regional focus person for Iowa is Carolyn Brockway, 520 Teakwood Lane NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.

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Roger D. Fuerstenberg and Karen Murphy have been selected to represent the state in a national awards program that recognizes outstanding mathematics and science teachers.

Roger Fuerstenberg, a mathematics teacher at Sudlow Junior High School, Davenport; Edward Rolenc, a mathematics teacher at Mount Pleasant High School; Karen Murphy, a science teacher at Nathan Weeks Junior High School, Des Moines; and Carolyn Brockway, a science teacher at Washington High School, Cedar Rapids, were candidates for the 1983 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Fuerstenberg and Murphy are two of the 104 award winners (two mathematics teachers and two science teachers from each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico), selected for Presidential Awards by a National Awards Committee meeting in Washington, D.C. A grant of $5,000 will be given to each winner's school to supplement the school's budget for mathematics or science teaching. National winners received a three-day expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for an awards ceremony at the White House and a conference.

The four state candidates will receive certificates of honor from the Presidential Award Program and awards from their respective professional organizations. It is also anticipated that these four will be honored by Governor Terry E. Branstad in December.

The four candidates were selected from a field of 56 secondary school mathematics and 24 science teachers nominated in Iowa.

The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching program is only one of a growing number of programs designed to improve the image and status of teaching in these crucial areas, according to the national organizations involved in the program. The program is administered by the National Science Teachers Association and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. A consortium of science associations, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the National Academy of Science, the Council of Chief State School Officers and the U.S. Department of Education are also involved in the program.