



KEYSTONE AWARD

Roger L. Spotts: Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center

This prestigious award recognizes an educator who has dedicated their life to advancing the quality and opportunity for environmental education in Pennsylvania. Roger was nominated by his long-time colleague, Karen Boyle, of the Monroe County Conservation District's Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center.

As the Environmental Education Coordinator, Roger has been a driving force for environmental education in Monroe County and throughout the state, and has been a mentor to thousands of educators at conservation districts and other organizations throughout the state. In her nomination, Ms. Boyle described Roger as having a 'passion for educating people of all ages, which inspires, motivates, and energizes those who interact with him no matter the context.'

DAISY S. KLINEDINST MEMORIAL AWARD

Melissa Eldridge: Briar Bush Nature Center

The award recognizes an educator with fewer than five years of experience who shows dedication to expanding their involvement with environmental education. Melissa was nominated by Greta Brunschwyler, Executive Director of the Briar Bush Nature Center. Through her work as an educator and program coordinator, Melissa has shown great dedication to the programs she develops, to the audiences she serves, and to her own learning.

OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR AWARD

Kathy Uglow: Crawford County Conservation District

This award recognizes an educator who has made a significant impact and contribution to the environmental education field in a formal or non-formal setting through innovative or inspiring teaching practices. Kathy was nominated by Wendy Kedzierski, Project Director at Creek Connections of Allegheny College. In her nomination, Wendy noted the diversity of Kathy's programs and an exceptional passion that she brings to her work. Kathy is highly valued as partner and collaborator in her community, with a strong commitment to working with other educators and organizations.

OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AWARD

Family Nature Night: Briar Bush Nature Center

This award recognizes an exemplary or innovative environmental education program which could serve as a model of excellence for educators throughout Pennsylvania. Family Nature Night, in Montgomery County, was nominated for the Outstanding Environmental Education Program award for their use of innovative practices to reach diverse and underserved audiences, specifically individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The program shows a strong commitment to working within a community to identify needs and to deliver a high quality experience to connect people with nature.