

Previous Celebration of Education Honorees – 2001 to present

2001 (first year)

David L. Boren, Award of Distinction
J.R. Morris, Career Achievement Award
Talita DeNegri, Career Teacher Award
Stephenie Bentley Freeman, Young Educator Award
The Zarrow Families Foundations, Meritorious Service Award

2002

Dean VanTrease, Award of Distinction
Paul F. Sharp, Career Achievement Award
Nancy O'Brian, Career Educator Award
Chris Brewster, Young Educator Award
John Rex, Meritorious Service Award

2003

W. Richard West, Award of Distinction
George Henderson, Ernest Holloway and David Sawyer (tie) Career Achievement Award
Cathy Burden, Career Teacher Award
Jennifer Toperzer, Young Educator Award
Jeannine and Gene Rainbolt, Meritorious Service Award

2004

Kim Henry, Award of Distinction
John Marvel, Career Achievement award
Cindy Ball and Ray Henson (tie) Career Educator Award
Audra Plummer and Leahna West (tie) Young Educator Award
Linda Clarke Anderson, Meritorious Service Award

2005

Lee Roy Selmon, Award of Distinction
Lucy F. Smith, Career Achievement Award
Jana Dabney, Career Educator Award
Brian Drabek, Young Educator Award
Bill Nations, Meritorious Service Award

2006

William H. Gates, Sr., Award of Distinction
Charlotte Jones, Career Achievement Award
Jean McCasland, Career Educator Award
Timothy Laubach, Young Educator Award
Sandra L. O'Brien, Meritorious Service Award

2007

Donna Nigh, Award of Distinction
Paula Rutherford, Outstanding Achievement Award
Bill Fix, Career Educator Award

Andrew Worthington, Young Educator Award
Barbara Thompson, Meritorious Service Award
Lois Elizabeth Sargent Collins, Hall of Fame

2008

Bernard Harris, Jr., Award of Distinction
Clara Luper, Career Achievement Award
Margaret Pape, Outstanding Educator Award
Sarah Peil, Young Educator Award
Larry Wade, Meritorious Service Award
Joe Purdy, Hall of Fame

2009

Raymond Plank, Award of Distinction
Jean Cate, Career Achievement Award
Cindy Scarberry, Outstanding Educator Award
Bryan Duke, Young Educator Award
Barbara Paul & Linda Rodgers, Meritorious Service Award
Fred Kierstead, Hall of Fame

2010

Sandy Garrett, Award of Distinction
Freda Deskin, Career Achievement Award
Linda Everett, Outstanding Educator Award
Janise McIntyre, Young Educator Award
Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence, Meritorious Service Award
Tom Avants, Hall of Fame

2011

Deborah Gist, Award of Distinction
Jean Hendrickson, Career Achievement Award
Desa Dawson, Outstanding Educator Award
Jennifer Robinson, Young Educator Award
Millie Audas, Meritorious Service Award
Sharon Pyeatt, Hall of Fame

2012

Sherri Coale, Award of Distinction
Dr. Judith Barber, Career Achievement Award
Dr. Kathy Dodd, Outstanding Educator Award
Michale Gentry, Young Educator Award
Lou Kerr, Meritorious Service Award
Kenneth Lease, Hall of Fame

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Dr. John Folks, Award of Distinction
Sue Madole, Career Achievement Award
Jun Kim, Outstanding Educator Award
Andrae McConnell, Young Educator Award
Paul D. Massad, Meritorious Service Award

2014

Bart Connor, Award of Distinction
Dr. Robert Everett, Career Achievement Award
Dr. Jason Brunk, Outstanding Educator Award
Heather Goodenough, Young Educator Award
Amy Williams, Meritorious Service Award
Amy Simpson, Exemplary Service and Leadership
Dr. Shelley McMillin Exemplary Service and Leadership
Dawn Brockman, J.D., Hall of Fame

2015

Spencer Tillman, Award of Distinction
Jim Myers, Career Achievement Award
Carol Emerson and Markus Smith (tie), Outstanding Educator Award
Adam Forester and Shawna Thompson (tie), Young Educator Award
Cathey Humphreys, Meritorious Service Award
Peggy Stephens, Hall of Fame

2016

Robert Henry, Award of Distinction
Sharon Lease, Career Achievement Award
Emily Stratton, Meritorious Service Award
Voncella McCleary-Jones, Outstanding Educator Award
Jon Myers, Outstanding Educator Award
Melissa Brevetti, Outstanding Young Educator Award
Dan Krutka, Outstanding Young Educator Award
Richard Heatly, Hall of Fame
Virgil Perry Lovelace, Hall of Fame

2017

Gene Rainbolt, Award of Distinction
Susan Gladhill, Career Achievement Award
Chickasaw Nation, Meritorious Service Award
Jennifer Holloway, Outstanding Educator Award
Julie Klingensmith, Outstanding Young Educator Award
Pam Deering, Hall of Fame

2018

Sharen Jester Turney, Award of Distinction
Linda Sue Warner, Career Achievement Award
Faith Clune, Meritorious Service Award
Lori Graham, Outstanding Educator Award
Anissa Angier, Rising Educator Award
Suzanne Nelson, Hall of Fame
Joy Thomas, Hall of Fame

2019

Joe Castiglione, Award of Distinction
Jason Simeroth, Career Achievement Award
Lil Ross, Meritorious Service Award
Nathan Gray, Outstanding Educator Award
Jeff McMillan, Rising Educator Award
Goldie Thompson, Hall of Fame

2020

Event was not held due to COVID-19.

2021

Dr. George Henderson, Award of Distinction
Dr. Rick Cobb, Career Achievement Award
Dr. Frank Wang, Meritorious Service Award
Rebecca Oglesby, Outstanding Educator Award
Lena Tenney, Emerging Educator Award
Dr. Rodney Bates, Inspiring Excellence in Education Award
Brittany Holland-Egger, Inspiring Excellence in Education Award
Charlotte Gordon, Inspiring Excellence in Education Award
Dr. Ebony Johnson, Inspiring Excellence in Education Award
Juan Renteria, Inspiring Excellence in Education Award
Rep. Jacob Rosecrants, Inspiring Excellence in Education Award
Erin Simpson, Inspiring Excellence in Education Award
Rep. John Waldron, Inspiring Excellence in Education Award