

American Chemical Society Western New York Section
Call for Nominations
Outstanding High School Science Teacher of the Year



Attn: Principals, colleagues, professional collaborators, and former students of outstanding high school science teachers

The Education Committee of the Western New York section of the American Chemical Society (WNYACS) is accepting nominations for the **Outstanding High School Science Teacher of the Year Award**. On behalf of the WNYACS Education Committee, we request you to nominate a high school science teacher(s) for this year's award, or to refer our letter to your recognition committee or nominating personnel.

Our selection of the award winner will be based upon the following four points:

- strength and innovation in teaching
- exceptional service to students
- efforts to stay well-informed regarding science progress
- extracurricular activities in science and education

A completed nomination includes the following:

- 1) Your nominating statement regarding the nominee's achievements as a high school science teacher. Please limit this statement to 1000 words.
- 2) A supporting statement from the nominated teacher's supervising school principal. (In cases where the principal is not the nominator.)
- 3) Two to four additional supporting letters of recommendation. These can be written by supervisors, colleagues, or scientists who know the nominee's teaching accomplishments and technical abilities. Please note, supporting letters from former students are greatly encouraged. However, supporting letters from currently enrolled students are not to be included.
- 4) A curriculum vitae of the nominee containing pertinent details related to the criteria described, including a brief description of the nominee's educational background, special training, achievements and any publications or formal presentations.

Nominations are due by **April 16, 2021** by e-mail to the addresses shown at the bottom of this letter.

The awardee will receive an engraved plaque for the awardee's institution, an engraved glass for the awardee, a certificate and an honorarium. These awards are typically presented at our annual Education Night Awards Dinner, but due to the pandemic, the award will be mailed and the awardee will be invited to join us at the banquet next year. For further information about the WNYACS, go to: <https://wnyacs.org/awards/#osty>

Last year's nominees will be considered in this year's competition. If you nominated a teacher last year and you would like to update their nomination to reflect the past year's accomplishments please email the updated materials by April 16, 2021.

Thank you for honoring our outstanding teachers and for your timely consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Rachel Ventura and Dominic Ventura
Co-Chairs, Education Committee, WNYACS

Please forward all nominations: Rachel Ventura, Univ. at Buffalo, rdibbell@buffalo.edu

Previous Awardees

2020	Burton Howell	Batavia High School	
2019	Kathleen Collins	St. Francis High School	
2018	Shelley Bochicchio	Lockport High School	
2017	Sarah English	Sweet Home High School	
2016	Nancy Sedita	Notre Dame High School	
2015	Edward Bogdan	Immaculata Academy	
2014	Dennis Bauer	Amherst Central High School	
2013	Matthew Hellerer	St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute	
1959	Ms. Louise Schwabe	Kenmore Senior High School	(1st award)