



American Chemical Society Western New York Section

2nd Calling for Nominations

Outstanding High School Science Teacher of the Year 2022

Attn: High School Science Teachers and their Colleagues, Former Students, and Administrators

The Education Committee of the Western New York section of the American Chemical Society (WNYACS) is soliciting nominations for the **Outstanding High School Science Teacher of the Year Award for 2022**. This Award has been given yearly since 1959 to honor a High School Science Teacher who has gone above and beyond the call of duty, and truly inspired their students to LOVE SCIENCE. The world has turned upside down since the spring of 2020, and we know that science teachers were asked to make heroic efforts in the transition of their classes to online and remote formats. A heavy lift no doubt – and one we know many teachers met head on in the most creative ways! The WNY ACS would love to honor one of these wonderful educators with this year's award.

This award consists of an engraved plaque for the awardee's institution, an engraved glass trophy for the awardee, a certificate and monetary honorarium. These will be presented at our annual **Education Night Awards Dinner on Tuesday May 3rd, 2022**. The awardee and a guest, as well as their principal, will be the guests of WNY ACS for the evening.

We are now accepting nomination packages initiated by Science Teachers themselves!

Our selection committee will be looking for teachers that have shown some or all of these qualities:

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

To complete a nomination package, please prepare:

- 1) A nominating statement (1000 words or less) regarding the nominee's achievements as a high school science teacher. This can be written by the teacher themselves, a former student, a colleague, or an administrator. The statement should address how the teacher has shown the qualities above, and give specific examples of ways they have gone above and beyond the typical call of duty.
- 2) A supporting statement from the nominated teacher's supervising school principal or other supervisor. In cases where a letter from the principal is not possible, a letter of support from a colleague is acceptable.
- 3) *Optional*: One to Two additional supporting letters of recommendation. These can be written by supervisors, colleagues, or scientists who know the nominee's teaching accomplishments. Supporting letters from former students are greatly encouraged. However, supporting letters from *currently enrolled* students are not to be included.
- 4) A current CV or resumé of the nominee

Nominations are due by **April 13th, 2022** by e-mail to the address shown at the bottom of this letter.

For further information about the WNYACS, go to: <https://wnyacs.org/awards/#osty>

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

Sincerely,

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