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Diane Vrobel Receives Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award for New Teachers from the National Science Teachers Association

ARLINGTON, Va. — April XX, 2014 — The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), the largest professional organization in the world promoting excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning, has announced the recipients of its 2014 Teacher Awards.

According to NSTA President Bill Badders, the purpose of the Teacher Awards program is to recognize extraordinary K-12 teachers, professors, principals, and science educators for their outstanding achievements in science education. “We’re proud to honor these amazing teachers and science education professionals who are not only making a significant mark on the profession, but also inspiring the next generation of informed citizens, scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and innovators,” he commented. “Through their passion, patience, and dedication, and by instilling a sense of wonder about science, they are helping to build a more promising future for all students.”

Diane Vrobel, a science teacher at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio, was awarded the Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award for New Teachers. The Maitland P. Simmons Memorial Award for New Teachers provides selected K-12 teachers (up to 25) in their first five years of teaching with funds to attend the annual national conference.

Award recipients are mentored, tracked, and provided with continuing opportunities for meaningful involvement with NSTA and its activities. Vrobel received her award earlier this month at a special banquet and ceremony at NSTA’s 62nd National Conference on Science Education in Boston, Massachusetts.

“We congratulate Ms. Vrobel for her lifelong commitment to science education and for her innovative and creative approach to teaching our students science,” said Badders.

NSTA encourages science educators to apply for its 2015 Teacher Awards. Applications and information can be found online at http://www.nsta.org/about/awards.aspx.

About NSTA
The Arlington, VA-based National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) is the largest professional organization in the world promoting excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning for all. NSTA's current membership includes approximately 55,000 science...
teachers, science supervisors, administrators, scientists, business and industry representatives, and others involved in science education.

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