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2022 Excellence in EE Awards Presented by the Arizona Association for Environmental Education

Six individuals and six organizations or businesses were awarded 2022 outstanding service awards

Arizona, November 05, 2022— The Arizona Association for Environmental Education (AAEE) is pleased to announce the winners of our annual **eeExcellence in Environmental Education Awards**. In an in person ceremony on November 5, 2022, AAEE recognized six individuals and six organizations or businesses who have made significant impacts and contributions to the environmental education field through innovative and inspiring practices. The Excellence in Environmental Education Awards are given to those who:

- dedicated current and long-term service in the field of EE (programs, curriculum, research, publications, legislation, etc.)
- created a work environment that incorporates EE (volunteerism by employees, using recycled & environmentally-friendly products, collaboration with and/or funding of EE initiatives)
- demonstrated outstanding action, contribution, service, volunteerism, and leadership supporting EE
- shared ideas, best practices, and techniques with others
- employed community engagement models and collaborates with the greater EE community
- demonstrated outstanding work on programs including practices that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion

The 2022 awards recognize the following making an impact in Arizona:

Outstanding Junior/Young Professional in Environmental Education

- Gabriella “Gaby” Parra, University of Arizona

Outstanding Environmental Educator in Informal or Non-formal Settings

- Rebecca Perez, Ironwood Tree Experience

Outstanding Environmental Educator in P-12 Settings

- Alisha Porosky, Lake Havasu City Schools

Outstanding Environmental Educator in Higher Education

- Jay Kurtz, Prescott College

Outstanding Environmental Education Program

- Camp Cooper at the University of Arizona

Outstanding Nonprofit Organization Committed to Environmental Education

- Highlands Center for Natural History - Sarah Vincent

Outstanding Governmental Agency Committed to Environmental Education

- Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation, Environmental Education Program

Outstanding School or College Committee to Environmental Education

- Emerson Elementary School

Outstanding Business Committed to Environmental Education

- Footprint Foundation

Outstanding Inclusive Environmental Education Program

- Bisbee Science Lab - Amie Esteves

Lifetime Achievement in Environmental Education (*this category had a tie between two individuals)

- Dr. Molina Walters, ASU Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College and Catherine Culver, Casteel High School

About the Arizona Association for Environmental Education

As one of the [56 Affiliates within the Affiliate Network](#) of the [North American Association for Environmental Education \(NAAEE\)](#), the [Arizona Association for Environmental Education \(AAEE\)](#) is a professional association which supports formal, non-formal, and non-traditional educators and practitioners providing programming and content to a wide variety of citizens of all ages, teaching in and about the environment. AAEE collaborates with other NAAEE Affiliates to host events and the annual NAAEE conference.

To learn more about the Arizona Association for Environmental Education eeExcellence Awards visit
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