

Awards and Grants are presented at the state Alternative Conference held in Cedar Rapids on April 20-21, 2017

2017 IAAE Awards

The IAAE presents awards annually to outstanding educators who contribute to the work of alternative education in the state of Iowa. Last year's recipients include **Olivia Van Zante** from Walnut Creek Campus, West Des Moines for Newcomer of the Year. The **Educator of the Year Award** and \$50.00 "bagel bucks" for a celebration with the staff was awarded to **Dawn Young** from COMPASS program, Linn-Mar Schools. The **Jim Fenton Lifetime Achievement Award** was presented to **Patty Beyer** Cherokee School District, and to **John Ohlinger** from Ottumwa Community School District.

*If you would like to nominate someone for any of these awards please send required nomination materials to Pam Kirsch, Learning Supports Department, 1606 Brady Street, Davenport, IA 52803. All requests need to be received by **March 24, 2017**. See awards descriptions and nomination process below.*

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Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented annually to alternative educators who have made a major contribution to the area of alternative education during their professional career. The award will honor individuals who have spent a minimum of 15 years in education as an alternative education professional. A teacher, counselor, supervisor, administrator, or any alternative educator that has met the above criteria may be nominated. The nominated individual's contribution could include, but is not limited to , any of the following: improved services for students through innovative and creative thinking, advising, and counseling methods, administrative leadership and consistent work that has demonstrated improvements in alternative programming.

PROCESS: Submit no more than 5 letters detailing the individual's contribution to alternative education. More than one nomination is required for an individual to be considered. Nominations can come from supervisors, coworkers, students, or community members in support of the nominee. **All nominations considered must be received in one complete packet** of letters. Be as specific as possible about the contributions and efforts that should be recognized as an educator worthy of being awarded this recognition. Please include the number of years the nominee has been in alternative education. Detail the achievements this person has made in regard to improved services for students through innovative and creative thinking, advising and counseling methods, administrative leadership and consistent work that has demonstrated improvements in alternative programming.

Hall of Fame Award

Eligibility: Outstanding Alternative Educators will be inducted into the Iowa Alternative Education Hall of Fame annually. Inductees must have made a major contribution to the area of alternative education during their professional career, provided leadership, vision and momentum toward excellence in the field of Alternative Education. A teacher, counselor, supervisor, administrator, or any educator that has met the aforementioned criteria may be inducted into the Iowa Association of Alternative School's Hall of Fame. The nominated individual's contribution could include, but is not limited to, any of the following: improved services through innovation, consistent work that has demonstrated improvements in alternative programs, contributing to the body of knowledge through research and/or publication of books, articles and or journals that raises the level of professionalism within the field, refining existing programs to a higher level, or an engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues, and the community.

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Newcomer of the Year

The Newcomer of the Year is presented annually to an alternative educator who has less than five years of alternative education experience. The award may be presented to a teacher, supervisor, administrator, or counselor who is currently employed in an alternative education setting. This award will honor a person who is enthusiastic about alternative education, promotes a positive atmosphere in the school setting, and is an advocate for students.

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Educator of the Year

The Educator of the Year is presented annually to the alternative educator who is making a significant contribution to alternative education in Iowa. This award will honor one individual each year who is making an outstanding contribution to his/her students, school and community. Any alternative education teacher, supervisor, administrator, or counselor may be nominated.

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If you send nominations via email, I will send a verification of receipt. If you do not receive this verification please follow up as I did not receive it.

Email nominations to kirschp@davenportschools.org