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Founded 1994

Aquatic Resources Education Association

AREA Awards

Awards Committee:

Christina Milloy (Chair), Danica Williams,
and Greg Akins

Types of AREA Awards



● Roland Sigurdson Outstanding Aquatic Education Program

- Recognizes a member's aquatic education programming that increases public appreciation, understanding and value of aquatic resources, and promotes angler education and fishing opportunities to a diverse audience.

● Steve Campbell Outstanding Aquatic Educator

- Recognizes a member's individual effort that increases public appreciation, understanding and value of aquatic resources, and promotes angler education and fishing opportunities to a diverse audience.

● Exceptional Support of AREA or AREA Program

- Recognizes an individual, organization, business, or volunteer who has demonstrated exceptional and ongoing support to AREA, or one of its member's programs.

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Nominees



- **Roland Sigurdson Outstanding Aquatic Education Program**
 - California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Classroom Aquatic Education Program
 - Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources's "At the Count of Four, Cast" Program
- **Steve Campbell Outstanding Aquatic Educator**
 - Doug Darr – Aquatic Education Coordinator, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
 - Ethan Rotman – Fishing in the City and Classroom Aquarium Education Coordinator, California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- **Exceptional Support of AREA or AREA Program**
 - Barb Gigar – Iowa Department of Natural Resources

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Roland Sigurdson Outstanding Aquatic Education Program

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Roland Sigurdson Outstanding Aquatic Education Program



- **California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Classroom Aquatic Education Program**

- Over 380 classes each year, making this the largest Trout in the Classroom program in the nation.
- 12,000 students per year.
- All classrooms and release sites are disabled accessible.
- Students are active in a variety of indoor and outdoor learning activities and gain first-hand experience to supplement classroom learning.

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**Steve Campbell Outstanding
Aquatic Educator**

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Steve Campbell Outstanding Aquatic Educator



- **Doug Darr, Aquatic Education Coordinator, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**
 - Has given 1,800 talks to 56,000 people since 2001!
 - Involved in AREA as well as the Alabama Fisheries Association, American Fisheries Society, and Fisheries Workers Association.
 - Nominee stated: “time I have been able to spend with Doug has made me a better person.”

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**Exceptional Support of AREA
or AREA Program**

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- **Barb Gigar, Iowa Department of Natural Resources**
 - Instrumental in providing leadership for AREA, and representing AREA nationally through:
 - The AFWA Angler Boating and Participation Committee
 - Association for Conservation Information
 - Sport Fish Boating Partnership Council
 - Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation
 - Provides leadership for aquatic education at national, regional, and local levels.

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**THANK YOU
TO ALL
2018 AWARD NOMINEES!!!**