

# Central District History - Conventions - Past Presidents - Award Recipients

<b>1933-Present</b>		<b>Convention History</b>		
<b>Year</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Convention City *W/AAHPEI</b>	<b>Convention Manager</b>	<b>District Representative</b>
1933-34	C.H. McCloy	St. Paul, MN		C.H. McCloy
1934-35	Clare Small	Omaha, NE		Clare Small
1935-36	Louis E. Hutto	<b>St. Louis, MO *</b>		Louis Hutto
1936-37	Edna McCullough	Denver, CO		Edna McCullough
1937-38	A.O. Anderson	<b>Minneapolis, MN *</b>		A.O. Anderson
1938-39	Elizabeth Halsey	Sioux City, IA		Hellen Manley
1939-40	Willard N. Greim	Wichita, KS		Willard Greim
1940-41	Helen Manley	Fargo, ND		Helen Manley
1941-42	James H. Morrison	Des Moines, IA		Hellen Manley
1942-43	Gertrude M. Baker	Kansas City, MO	Strong Hinman	Hellen Manley
1943-44	Carl Nordly	Topeka, KS		Willard Greim
1944-45	Germaine Guiot	No Convention		Willard Greim
1945-46	Germaine Guiot	<b>St. Louis, MO *</b>	Louis Kittlaus	Willard Greim
1946-47	H.G. Porter KS / L.F. Keller M	Minneapolis, MN	Eugenia Ziemer	Willard Greim
1947-48	Elizabeth Graybeal	Kansas City, MO	Patrick O'Keefe & Willard Greim	Carl Nordly
1948-49	L.P. Washburn	Denver, CO	Willard Greim	Elizabeth Halsey
1949-50	M. Gladys Scott	Duluth, MN	Victor Dunder	Elizabeth Halsey
1950-51	Merle Henre	Des Moines, IA	John Johnson	Louis F. Keller
1951-52	Mabel Shirley	Topeka, KS	L.P. Dittmore	Louis F. Keller
1952-53	L.R. Marti	Sioux Falls, SD	Douglass Evans	Louis F. Keller
1953-54	Wilma Gemmstad	Lincoln, NE	John Thompson	M. Gladys Scott
1954-55	R.B. Frost	St. Paul, MN	Gene Aldrich	M. Gladys Scott
1955-56	Jean Bontz	Colorado Springs, CO	Gerry Berry & Stuart Richter	M. Gladys Scott
1956-57	Edwin Elbel	St. Louis, MO	Louis Kittlaus	Wilma Gimmestad
1957-58	A. Gwendolin Drew	<b>Kansas City, MO *</b>	Patrick O'Keefe & Finn Erickson	Wilma Gimmestad
1958-59	Frank Sills	Waterloo, IA		Wilma Gimmestad
1959-60	Anita Aldrich	Fargo, ND	Hazel Dettman	L.R. Marti
1960-61	John Van Why	Wichita, KS	Roy Groe	L.R. Marti
1961-62	Hazel Dettman	Omaha, NE	Thomas I. Hallstrom	L.R. Marti
1962-63	Henry Shenk	Minneapolis, MN	Helen Starr	Jean Bontz
1963-64	Helen Slocum	Des Moines, IA	John Johnson	
1964-65	Louis E. Alley	St. Louis, MO	Louis Kittlaus	
1965-66	Barbara Forker	Topeka, KS	Quentin Goves	
1966-67	Carl Wear	Denver, CO	Chester O'Hanlon	

1967-68	Laura Mae Brown	<b>St. Louis, MO *</b>	George Roscoe	
1968-69	Laura Mae Brown	St. Paul, MN	George Roscoe	Henry Shenk
1969-70	Clem Thompson	Cheyenne, WY	Bertel Budd	Henry Shenk
1970-71	Margaret Fox	Omaha, NE	Tom Hallstrom	Henry Shenk
1971-72	Donald W. Henry	Fargo, ND	Harold L. Pederson	Maggie Fox
1972-73	Frances A Bleick	<b>Minneapolis, MN *</b>	William M. Bergeron	Maggie Fox
1973-74	Frances A Bleick	Sioux City, IA	William M. Bergeron	Maggie Fox
1974-75	Russ Gorman	Overland Park, KS	Jack Hammig	Don Henry
1975-76	Dorothy Canham	Denver, CO	Beverly Pederson	Don Henry
1976-77	Roger Bishop	Cheyenne, WY	Bill Hanson & Walter P. Ricketts	Don Henry
1977-78	Jean L Pyfer	<b>Kansas City, MO *</b>	Dean Austin	Fran Bleick
1978-79	Jean L Pyfer	Lincoln, NE	Dean Austin & Jo Evans	Fran Bleick
1979-80	Walter "Pax" Ricketts	Grand Forks, ND	Walt Koenig	Fran Bleick
1980-81	JoAnne Owens-Nausler	Minneapolis, MN	Merle Vokaty & Bill McMoore	Roger Bishop
1981-82	Roger Kerns	Sioux Falls, SD	Charles Spencer	Roger Bishop
1982-83	Dorothy High	<b>Minneapolis, MN *</b>	Merle Vokaty & Bill McMoore	Roger Bishop
1983-84	Dorothy High	St. Louis, MO	Kathleen Kinderfather	JoAnne Owens-Nausler
1984-85	Hal McKain	Omaha, NE	Wauneta Peterson	JoAnne Owens-Nausler
1985-86	Jan Adair	Casper, WY	Shirley Dutton & Jean Wheatley	JoAnne Owens-Nausler
1986-87	Mark Giese	Overland Park, KS	Donna Osness	Charles Spencer
1987-88	Shirley Dutton	<b>Kansas City, MO *</b>		Charles Spencer
1988-89	Shirley Dutton	Lincoln, NE	Joanne Owens-Nausler	JoAnne Owens-Nausler
1989-90	Charles DeCorsey	Denver, CO	Bobby Dunn	Jan Adair
1990-91	Kathleen Kinderfather	Rapid City, SD	Sally Scherrer	Jan Adair
1991-92	Mark Harvey	Des Moines, IA	Debby Dearden & Douglas Minear	Jan Adair
1992-93	Cheryl Norton	Omaha, NE	Edsel Buchannon	Kathleen Kinderfather
1993-94	Perry Miller	<b>Denver, CO *</b>	Mark Harvey	Kathleen Kinderfather
1994-95	Perry Miller	Fargo, ND	Jan Adair	Kathleen Kinderfather
1995-96	Pauline Jacobson	Rochester, MN	Mark Scioli	Mark Harvey
1996-97	Terry Todd	<b>St. Louis, MO *</b>	Ron Ramspott	Mark Harvey
1997-98	Terry Todd	Wichita, KS	Vicki Worrell & Meggin DeMoss	Mark Harvey
1998-99	K. Kay Valentik	Jackson Hole, WY	Dolores Albers & Nancy Raso Eklund	Perry Miller
1999-00	R. Scott Gorman	Omaha, NE	Deborah Loper & Vicki Highstreet	Perry Miller
2000-01	Deborah Loper	Des Moines, IA	Debby Dearden & Douglas Minear	Perry Miller
2001-02	James Herauf	Rapid City, SD	Annette Johnson & Bruce Brugman	Terry Todd
2002-03	Kathleen Engle	Fargo, ND	Donna Terbizan	Terry Todd
2003-04	Kathleen Engle	Duluth, MN	Carolyn Strumbel & Kay Oling	Terry Todd
2004-05	Sally Scherrer	Cheyenne, WY	Jan Adair	Deb Loper

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2005-06	John Zody	Broomfield, CO	Patrica Morrison & Laura Mason	Deb Loper
2006-07	Vicki Worrell	Overland Park, KS	Betty Laverly & Wendy Scholten	Deb Loper
2007-08	Dennis Docheff	Omaha, NE	Vicki Highstreet & Mike Messerole	John Zody
2008-09	Rich Burke	Rochester, MN	Ellen Cromwell-Cecrle & Nancy Christensen	John Zody
2009-10	Kelly Cook	Fargo, ND	Donna Terbizan	John Zody
2010-11	Lois Boeyink	Rapid City, SD	Sheri Keck	John Zody
2011-12	Joyce Ellis	Colorado Springs, CO	Patricia Morrison	John Zody
2012-13	Scott Strohmeyer	Jackson Hole, WY	Nancy Raso-Eklund	John Zody
2013-14	Meggin DeMoss	<b>St. Louis, MO *</b>	Scott Strohmeyer	Scott Strohmeyer
2014-15	Meggin DeMoss	Moorehead, MN		Scott Strohmeyer
2015-16	Deb Stephenson	Minneapolis, MN		Scott Strohmeyer
2016-17	Deb Stephenson	Cedar Falls, IA	Jan Grenko	Scott Strohmeyer
2017-18	Amy Heuer	Sioux Falls, SD	Tracy Nelson	Amy Heuer
2018-19	Clayton Ellis	<b>Sioux Falls, SD **</b>	SHAPE America/Chris Hersl - Prof. Learning Inst.	Clayton Ellis
2019-20	Julie Lueckenhoff			
2020-21	Joe Deutch			
2021-22	Tara Lynn Garner			

**Presidents of the Middle West Society of Physical Education Association Who Lived in Central District**

Year	Name	Home State		
1923-26	J. Anna Norris	Minnesota		
1926-27	Margaret McKee	Iowa		
1929-32	Mabel Lee	Nebraska		
1932-33	Strong Hinman	Kansas		

**Presidents of the Central District of the American Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation**

Year	Name	State		
1933-34	C.H. McCloy	Iowa		
1934-35	Clare Small	Colorado		
1935-36	Louis E. Hutto	Iowa		
1936-37	Edna McCullough	Kansas		
1937-38	A.O. Anderson	Missouri		
1938-39	Elizabeth Halsey	Iowa		
1939-40	Willard N. Greim	Colorado		
1940-41	Helen Manley	Missouri		
1941-42	James H. Morrison	Nebraska		
1942-43	Gertrude M. Baker	Minnesota		
1943-44	Carl Nordly	Minnesota		

1944-45	Germaine Guiot	Iowa		
1945-46	Germaine Guiot	Iowa		
1946-47	H.G. Porter KS / L.F. Keller M	Kansas		
1947-48	Elizabeth Graybeal	Minnesota		
1948-49	L.P. Washburn	Kansas		
1949-50	M. Gladys Scott	Iowa		
1950-51	Merle Henre	Kansas		
1951-52	Mabel Shirley	Minnesota		
1952-53	L.R. Marti	North Dakota		
1953-54	Wilma Gemmstad	Nebraska		
1954-55	R.B. Frost	South Dakota		
1955-56	Jean Bontz	Iowa		
1956-57	Edwin Elbel	Kansas		
1957-58	A. Gwendolin Drew	Missouri		
1958-59	Frank Sills	Iowa		
1959-60	Anita Aldrich	Missouri		
1960-61	John Van Why	South Dakota		
1961-62	Hazel Dettman	North Dakota		
1962-63	Henry Shenk	Kansas		
1963-64	Helen Slocum	Minnesota		
1964-65	Louis E. Alley	Iowa		
1965-66	Barbara Forker	Iowa		
1966-67	Carl Wear	Nebraska		
1967-68	Laura Mae Brown	Missouri		
1968-69	Laura Mae Brown	Missouri		
1969-70	Clem Thompson	Minnesota		
1970-71	Margaret Fox	Iowa		
1971-72	Donald W. Henry	Kansas		
1972-73	Frances A Bleick	Minnesota		
1973-74	Frances A Bleick	Minnesota		
1974-75	Russ Gorman	Minnesota		
1975-76	Dorothy Canham	Missouri		
1976-77	Roger Bishop	Iowa		
1977-78	Jean L Pyfer	Kansas		
1978-79	Jean L Pyfer	Kansas		
1979-80	Walter "Pax" Rickets	Wyoming		
1980-81	JoAnne Owens-Nausler	Nebraska		
1981-82	Roger Kerns	North Dakota		

1982-83	Dorothy High	Nebraska		
1983-84	Dorothy High	Nebraska		
1984-85	Hal McKain	Iowa		
1985-86	Jan Adair	North Dakota		
1986-87	Mark Giese	Kansas		
1987-88	Shirley Dutton	Wyoming		
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1989-90	Charles DeCorsey	Minnesota		
1990-91	Kathleen Kinderfather	Missouri		
1991-92	Mark Harvey	Colorado		
1992-93	Cheryl Norton	Colorado		
1993-94	Perry Miller	Missouri		
1994-95	Perry Miller	Missouri		
1995-96	Pauline Jacobson	South Dakota		
1996-97	Terry Todd	Colorado		
1997-98	Terry Todd	Colorado		
1998-99	K. Kay Valentik	Missouri		
1999-00	R. Scott Gorman	Kansas		
2000-01	Deborah Loper	Nebraska		
2001-02	James Herauf	Missouri		
2002-03	Kathleen Engle	Wyoming		
2003-04	Kathleen Engle	Wyoming		
2004-05	Sally Scherrer	South Dakota		
2005-06	John Zody	Kansas		
2006-07	Vicki Worrell	Kansas		
2007-08	Dennis Docheff	Missouri		
2008-09	Richard Burke	Minnesota		
2009-10	Kelly Cook	Kansas		
2010-11	Lois Boeyink	Iowa		
2011-12	Joyce Ellis	Kansas		
2012-13	Scott Strohmeier	Missouri		
2013-14	Meggin DeMoss	Kansas		
2014-15	Meggin DeMoss	Kansas		
2015-16	Deb Stephenson	Iowa / Wyoming		
<b>Presidents of the Society of Health and Physical Educators - Central District (SHAPE America - Central District)</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>State</b>		
2016-17	Amy Heuer	North Dakota		
2017-18	Clayton Ellis	Colorado		

2018-19	Julie Lueckenhoff	Missouri		
2019-20	Joe Deutsch	North Dakota		
2020-21	Tara Lynn Garner	Missouri		
2021-22	Christopher Watts	Colorado		
<b>Central District Scholar Award Recipients</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>State</b>		
1991	Janice Beran	Iowa		
1992	Lynn Stockman Imergoot	Missouri		
1993	Jim Stiehl	Colorado		
1994				
1995	Kathleen Haywood	Missouri		
1996				
1997	Susan Kovar	Kansas		
1998	Brad Strand	North Dakota		
1999	Gale Wiedow	South Dakota		
2000	Larry Hensley	Iowa		
2001	Sherry Folsom Meek	Minnesota		
2002	Melissa Parker	Colorado		
2003	James A. Richardson	South Dakota		
2004	Donna Terbizan	North Dakota		
2005	John Rohwer	Minnesota		
2006	Joella Mehrhof	Kansas		
2007	Betsy Silva	South Dakota		
2008	John Zody	Kansas		
2009	Scott Strohmeyer	Missouri		
2010	Patty Hacker	South Dakota		
2011	Sue Barnd	Colorado		
2012	Bridget Duoos	Minnesota		
2013				
2014				
2015	Susan Tarr	Minnesota		
2016	Tristan Wallhead	Wyoming		
2017	Russell Carson	Colorado		
2018	Joe Deutsch	North Dakota		
2019	Megan Adkins	Nebraska		
2020	Jaimie McMullen	Colorado		

2021				
<b>Central District - Adapted Physical Educator of the Year</b>			<b>*Denotes National Award Winner</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>State</b>		
1996	Debby Deardon	Iowa		
1997				
1998	Denise Horpedahl	North Dakota		
1999	Gary Taylor	Kansas		
2000	Robin Olberding	Iowa		
2001	Mari Bergerson	Minnesota		
2002	Anne Abbott	Kansas		
2003	<b>Patricia Morrison *</b>	Colorado		
2004	<b>Richard Burke *</b>	Minnesota		
2005	<b>Ann Griffin *</b>	Iowa		
2006	<b>Cindy Combs *</b>	Kansas		
2007	<b>Nancy Rud Gordon *</b>	Minnesota		
2008	Luann Palmquist	Minnesota		
2009	Denb Johansen	Minnesota		
2010	Brenda Bowman	Kansas		
2011	Kay Oling	Minnesota		
2012	Margery Thompson	Kansas		
2013				
2014	Mike Doyle	Minnesota		
2015				
2016	Kelly Kennedy	Colorado		
2017	Sarah Jo Heath	Kansas		
2018	Barb Reinerman	MO		
2019	Bryan Wickoran	Colorado		
2020				
2021				
<b>Central District - Dance Educator of the Year</b>			<b>*Denotes National Award Winner</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>State</b>		
1990	Janet Kinder	Colorado		
1991	Sherry Parker	Missouri		
1992	Linda Luttbeg	Missouri		
1993	Kristen Dabney	Missouri		
1994	Suzanne Bushey	Missouri		

1995	Lizabeth L. Ernst	Missouri		
1996	<b>Dennis Walker *</b>	Missouri		
1997	Lieschen Fink	Missouri		
1998	Brenda Goodwin	Missouri		
1999				
2000	Madeline L. Silver	Missouri		
2001	Sally Burgess	Kansas		
2002	<b>Mary Harding *</b>	Minnesota		
2003				
2004	Marcia Small	Colorado		
2005				
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2010				
2011	Linda Marsh	Colorado		
2012				
2013	Linda Marsh	Colorado		
2014	<b>Mackenzie Mushel-Ellis *</b>	Colorado		
2015	Joseph DeMers	Colorado		
2016				
2017				
2018				
2019	<b>Nicole Peterson *</b>	North Dakota		
2020	Ashley Gross	Kansas		
2021				
<b>Central District - Health Educator of the Year</b>			<b>*Denotes National Award Winner</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>State</b>		
1990	<b>Edna Mortenson *</b>	North Dakota		
1991	Martha Roper	Missouri		
1992	<b>Martha Roper *</b>	Missouri		
1993	<b>Diane Bruckerhof *</b>	Missouri		
1994	Russ Werth	North Dakota		
1995	J. Douglas Hipper	Missouri		
1996	Marilyn Phalen	Iowa		
1997	Donita Getting	Iowa		



1998	Elaine Bruhe	Missouri		
1999	Joan Stear *	Kansas		
2000	Janet Tucker	Nebraska		
2001	Janelle Robins-Gaede	Kansas		
2002	La Vonne Uffelman	Nebraska		
2003	Jean Pletchette	Iowa		
2004	<b>Bonnie Young-Johnson *</b>	Minnesota		
2005	Terri O'Leary	Missouri		
2006	Marla Drewel-Lynch	Missouri		
2007	<b>Marcene Malusky *</b>	North Dakota		
2008	Melissa Lightfoot	Missouri		
2009	Rhonda Kemmis	South Dakota		
2010	Larry Deal	Wyoming		
2011	Barb Bjorum	North Dakota		
2012	Dianne Loberg	North Dakota		
2013				
2014	Diane Titterington	Kansas		
2015	Melissa Jackson	Nebraska		
2016				
2017	Deanne Romero	Colorado		
2018	Jen Hadler Hoell	Missouri		
2019	Leah Swedberg	North Dakota		
2020	Ann Landrum	Missouri		
2021				
<b>Central District - Elementary Physical Educator of the Year</b>			<b>*Denotes National Award Winner</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>State</b>		
1987	<b>Joyce Espiritu *</b>	Missouri		
1988	Anita Nichols	Kansas		
1989	Cheryl Jensen	Nebraska		
1990	<b>Theresa Boehm *</b>	Missouri		
1991	Kurt Weinberg	North Dakota		
1992	Richard Cendali	Colorado		
1993	<b>Vicki Worrell *</b>	Kansas		
1994	Susan Evans	Colorado		
1995	Ed Forrker	Iowa		
1996	<b>Nancy Raso Eklund *</b>	Wyoming		
1997	Chet Bunting	Colorado		



2004	Candi Moutain-Gaddie	Colorado		
2005	Jonetta Dixon	Missouri		
2006	Jim Arico	Missouri		
2007	Lori Heger	Kansas		
2008	Cecilia Studdard	Colorado		
2009	Jennifer Schnell	Iowa		
2010	Lisa Sinjen	North Dakota		
2011	Andrea McCarthy	Colorado		
2012	Matt Monfre	Colorado		
2013	<b>Jason Busche *</b>	Kansas		
2014	<b>Dianne Wyatt *</b>	Kansas		
2015	Brandon Wolff	Kansas		
2016	Karl Ely	Kansas		
2017	Cynthia "CJ" Johnson	Minnesota		
2018	Sarah Gietschier-Hartman *	Missouri		
2019	Murray Wallace	Colorado		
2020	Brad Hull	Colorado		
2021				

**Central District - High School Physical Educator of the Year \*Denotes National Award Winner**

Year	Name	State		
1983	<b>Regina McGill *</b>	Iowa		
1984				
1985	Whitney Alpers	Kansas		
1986	Beth Kirkpatrick	Iowa		
1987	Paul Grube	Wyoming		
1988	Candace Pendergast	North Dakota		
1989	<b>Kathy Major *</b>	Missouri		
1990	Shirley Ryan	Iowa		
1991	Pat Stringer	Minnesota		
1992	Lorraine Lutjens	North Dakota		
1993	Bob Matson	Wyoming		
1994	Lavonne Pierson	Iowa		
1995	<b>Dolores Albers *</b>	Wyoming		
1996	Michelle DiLisio	Kansas		
1997	Joanie Shover	Missouri		
1998	<b>Karen Roesler *</b>	North Dakota		
1999	Jean Drennan	Kansas		

2000	Julie Lueckenhoff	Missouri		
2001	Diane Fedji Weisgarbe	North Dakota		
2002	LeAnna Bealle	Kansas		
2003	<b>Suzanne Newlin *</b>	Colorado		
2004				
2005	Anna Marie Mead	Colorado		
2006	Becky Hoffman	Missouri		
2007	Katherine Bacon	Kansas		
2008	Candee Stuchlik-Thode	Kansas		
2009	Becky Winter	Kansas		
2010	<b>Clayton Ellis *</b>	Colorado		
2011	Kris Ayers	Colorado		
2012	Tracy Keutzer	Missouri		
2013	Tari Garner	Missouri		
2014	Kelli Tuttle	Iowa		
2015	Amy Sommers	Kansas		
2016	Monique Guidry	Colorado		
2017	Abby Goodlaxon	Iowa		
2018	<b>Erika Mundt *</b>	Iowa		
2019	Melanie Zerr	Missouri		
2020	<b>Brian Hull *</b>	Colorado		
2021				

**Central District - Kathleen Kinderfather Award**

Year	Name	State	Recipient
2005	Good Times Girls	Missouri	Joyce Hallmark, Carol Tucker, Linda
2006	Vail Mountain Rescue Team	Colorado	Tim Cochrane, Bob Armour
2007	Pinedale Ropin' Wranglers	Wyoming	Jarlath Mortenson, Founder
2008	Central District Association Executive Directors	CO, IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD, WY	Randy Erickson CO, Lois Boeyink IA,
2009	Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	Nebraska	
2010	America Heart Association - Minnesota Affiliate	Minnesota	
2011	Iowa Department of Natural Resources - Shooting Sports	Iowa	
2012	Colorado National Sports Center for the Disabled		
2013	Teton Adaptive Sports	Wyoming	Kurt Henry - Executive Director
2014	St. Louis Cardinals - Cardinals Care: Caring for Kids	Missouri	
2015			
2016	Courage Kennedy Institute - Adaptive Sports & Recreation	Minnesota	
2017	Rockwell Collins Retirees	Iowa	

2018	The Guiding Hand and Sanford Health - Fit4Schools	South Dakota	
2019	Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club	Colorado	Clayton Ellis, Nancy Raso Eklund, Daniel
2020	The Nancy Raso-Eklund Family	Wyoming	Byron, Chip, Lauren Eklund
2021			

### Central District - Mark Harvey Legacy Scholarship Award (Emerging Leader)

Year	Name	State	
2011	Danielle Schlecht	South Dakota	
2012	Megan McCollum	Minnesota	
2013			
2014	Mike Meyers	Colorado	
2015			
2016	Erin Ellinger	South Dakota	
2017	Todd Thacker	Kansas	
2018	Ashley Pietenpol	Nebraska	
2019	John Reid	Colorado	
2020	Danielle Blanchette	South Dakota	
2021			

### Central District - Mark Harvey Legacy Award

Year	Name	State	
2011	Kathleen Engle	Wyoming	
2012	Missy Parker	Colorado	
2012	Scott Gorman	Kansas	
2013	Gay Hughes	Wyoming	
2014	Rick Pappas	Kansas	
2015	Dennis Docheff	Missouri	
2016	Gale Wiedow	South Dakota	
2017	Joella Mehrhof	Kansas	
2017	Brad Strand	North Dakota	
2018	Meggin DeMoss	Kansas	
2018	Nancy Raso-Eklund	Wyoming	
2019	Sally Scherrer	South Dakota	
2020	Clayton Ellis	Colorado	
2021			

### Central District - Honor Award

Year	Name	State	*Denotes National Award Winner

1954	<b>Gertrude Baker *</b>	Minnesota		
1954	<b>Mabel J. Shirley *</b>	Minnesota		
1954	<b>Mary R. McKee *</b>	Missouri		
1954	Edna Willis	Colorado		
1954	Doris White	Iowa		
1954	Edna McCullough	Kansas		
1954	Edwin R. Elbel	Kansas		
1954	Louis Martin	Kansas		
1954	Clarence A. Nelson	Minnesota		
1954	Elizabeth Graybeal	Minnesota		
1954	A. Gwendolyn Drew	Missouri		
1954	Ralph Beecher	Nebraska		
1954	Wilma Gimmestad	Nebraska		
1954	Leonard R. Marti	North Dakota		
1954	Gladys E. Leonard	South Dakota		
1954	Randall Watkins	Wyoming		
1954	Ruth Cambell	Wyoming		
1955	<b>Carl Wear *</b>	Nebraska		
1955	<b>Dudley Ashton *</b>	Nebraska		
1955	<b>John VanWhy *</b>	South Dakota		
1955	<b>Rueben (Jack) Frost *</b>	South Dakota		
1955	Louis Washburn	Kansas		
1955	Elsie Annis	Minnesota		
1955	John Anderson	Minnesota		
1955	Ruth Diamond Levinson	Nebraska		
1955	Hazel Dettman	North Dakota		
1956	<b>Ruth Schellberg *</b>	Minnesota		
1956	Finn Erickson	Iowa		
1956	Jean Bontz	Iowa		
1956	Gladys Swanson	Minnesota		
1956	Rosina Koetting	Missouri		
1957	<b>John C. Thompson *</b>	Nebraska		
1957	Catherine Snell	Iowa		
1957	Jane E. Harris	Iowa		
1957	Walter Roy	Kansas		
1957	Josiah Glen Neal	Minnesota		
1957	Paul Schidt	Minnesota		
1958	Dorothy Humiston	Colorado		

1958	Frank D. Sills	Iowa		
1958	David Bartelma	Minnesota		
1958	Mary Chadwick Dickmeyer	Minnesota		
1958	Myrtle S. Spande	Minnesota		
1958	Grace J. Rhonemus	North Dakota		
1959	<b>Louis E. Alley *</b>	Iowa		
1959	<b>Anita Alderich *</b>	Missouri		
1959	Eloise M. Jaeger	Minnesota		
1959	Hellen Hartwig	Missouri		
1959	Harriet Yingling	Nebraska		
1959	Carl Youngworth	South Dakota		
1960	Laura Mae Brown	Missouri		
1960	Helen M. Slocum	Minnesota		
1960	Marjorie U Wilson	Minnesota		
1960	Ralph B. McClintock	Nebraska		
1960	Ted F. Keck	North Dakota		
1960	Douglas Evans	South Dakota		
1961	Henry Schenk *	Kansas		
1961	Elizabeth Abbott	Colorado		
1961	Edward F. Voltmer	Iowa		
1961	Patricia C. Patterson	Minnesota		
1961	Roy B. Moore	Minnesota		
1961	Thomas Edison Smith	Minnesota		
1962	Katherine Geyer	Kansas		
1962	Frances M. Kidd	Minnesota		
1962	Helen M. Starr	Minnesota		
1962	Thomas P. Pfaender	Minnesota		
1962	Lorraine Schumacher	North Dakota		
1962	Robert Hamblet	North Dakota		
1963	<b>Louis Kittlaus Jr. *</b>	Missouri		
1963	Joie L. Stapleton	Kansas		
1963	Roy F. Groe	Kansas		
1963	Albert E. Brainard	Minnesota		
1963	C.P. Blakeslee	Minnesota		
1963	Ervin Kaiser	North Dakota		
1964	<b>Barbara Forker *</b>	Iowa		
1964	<b>M Gladys Scott *</b>	Iowa		
1964	Carl Knutson	Minnesota		

1964	Virgina Discus	Missouri		
1964	Charles E. Miller	Nebraska		
1964	Loyd C. Jenkins	Nebraska		
1965	Fredrick Bierhaus	Colorado		
1965	Dorothy Berg	Minnesota		
1965	Ward M. Wells	Minnesota		
1965	Amy C. Turnell	Nebraska		
1966	Helen Hocker	Kansas		
1966	Clem Thompson	Minnesota		
1966	Richard Donnelly	Minnesota		
1967	James R. Clark	Iowa		
1967	Jeanette Rogers Potter	Iowa		
1967	Donald N. Anderson	Minnesota		
1967	Dorris J. O'Donnell	Nebraska		
1967	Earnest F. Gorr	Nebraska		
1967	Thomas Lynn Hallstrom	Nebraska		
1968				
1969	<b>Margaret G. Fox *</b>	Iowa		
1969	Mabel S. Rilling	Colorado		
1969	Roland Edward Balch	Colorado		
1969	Lewis J. Rickert	Minnesota		
1969	Mary V. Montgomery	Minnesota		
1969	Marilyn R. Raupe	Nebraska		
1970	C.H. Blanchard	Minnesota		
1970	Geraldine Crabbs	Minnesota		
1970	Jacob Geier	Nebraska		
1970	Donals Henry	Kansas		
1970	Deane Richardson	Nebraska		
1970	A.J. Stolfa	South Dakota		
1971	Ruth Sevy	Iowa		
1971	Frances A. Bleick	Minnesota		
1971	Leroy E. Mass	Minnesota		
1971	Catherine Q. Carrick	Nebraska		
1971	Beulah E. Gregoire	North Dakota		
1972	Norman White	Iowa		
1972	Elizabeth Sherbon	Kansas		
1972	Mary Lampe	Minnesota		
1972	Janette Sayre	Nebraska		



1972	LaVernia Jorgensen	North Dakota		
1972	Glenn E. Robinson	South Dakota		
1972	Louise E. Thouin	Wyoming		
1973				
1974	Katheryn Schaake	Colorado		
1974	Robert Cobb	Minnesota		
1974	Dorothy Canham	Missouri		
1975	Alvin M. Pettine	Colorado		
1975	Jan Young	Minnesota		
1975	Dorothy High	Nebraska		
1975	Bertle Budd	Wyoming		
1976	Dudley D. Draxton	Iowa		
1976	Edlo Caldwell Solum	Minnesota		
1976	Dolores M. Plunk	Missouri		
1976	Norma Sue Griffen	Nebraska		
1977	<b>Charles Corbin *</b>	Kansas		
1977	<b>Wayne H. Osness *</b>	Kansas		
1977	Donald R. Casady	Iowa		
1977	Lila Frommelt	Iowa		
1977	Virginia Lohmiller	Iowa		
1977	Shirley Price	Minnesota		
1978	AllCentral District Past Presidents			
1979	<b>Roger Bishop *</b>	Iowa		
1979	George Sage	Colorado		
1979	David K. Leslie	Iowa		
1979	Jacquelyn Wedemeyer	Nebraska		
1979	Richard Flynn	Nebraska		
1979	Robert Gothmann	Nebraska		
1980	Robert Clayton	Colorado		
1980	Jean Pyfer	Kansas		
1980	Charles R. Erickson	Missouri		
1980	Donna Neal	Nebraska		
1980	Roger D. Kerns	North Dakota		
1981	John S. Fowler	Colorado		
1981	William Thrall	Iowa		
1981	Robert Holmer	Kansas		
1981	Merle Vokaty	Minnesota		
1981	Dorothy Hughes	Nebraska		

1981	Viola Bahls	Nebraska		
1982	Darlene Conover	Iowa		
1982	Mark Pankau	Kansas		
1982	Connie Sweeney	Minnesota		
1982	Harold B. Falls Jr.	Missouri		
1982	James Ballinger	Missouri		
1982	L. Dennis Humphrey	Missouri		
1983	<b>JoAnne Owens-Nausler *</b>	Nebraska		
1983	James Bryant	Colorado		
1983	Jeanette Scahill	Iowa		
1983	Carole A. Zebas	Kansas		
1983	Paul C. Ritchie	Missouri		
1983	Charles A. Spencer	South Dakota		
1984	Mark Giese	Kansas		
1984	Patricia McSwegin	Kansas		
1984	Edsel Buchanan	Nebraska		
1984	Nancy Matsukis	Nebraska		
1984	Bruce Nobel	Wyoming		
1984	DonnaMarburgar	Wyoming		
1985	<b>Betty Toman *</b>	Iowa		
1985	Thomas Baechle	Nebraska		
1986	<b>Regina McGill *</b>	Iowa		
1986	<b>Jan Adair *</b>	Minnesota		
1986	Alice Barron	Colorado		
1986	Barbara Yager	Iowa		
1986	Charles DeCorsey	Minnesota		
1986	Rebecca Banks	Minnesota		
1987	Mary Behling	Colorado		
1987	Gene Asprey	Iowa		
1987	Jan Beran	Iowa		
1987	Michael Stewart	Nebraska		
1987	Martin Johnson	North Dakota		
1988	<b>Mark Harvey *</b>	Colorado		
1988	<b>Kathleen Kinderfather *</b>	Missouri		
1988	<b>Gale Wiedow *</b>	South Dakota		
1988	Donna Osness	Kansas		
1988	Joyce Espiritu	Missouri		
1988	Kris Berg	Nebraska		

1989	Bill Stinson	Kansas		
1989	Paul Bishop	Nebraska		
1989	Patricia Moore	Wyoming		
1990	<b>Perry Miller *</b>	Missouri		
1990	Allan Rupnow	Iowa		
1990	Betty Emrich	Iowa		
1990	Marge Hodapp	Minnesota		
1990	Michael Hoadley	South Dakota		
1990	Jean Wheatley	Wyoming		
1990	Shirley Dutton	Wyoming		
1991	<b>Larry Hensley *</b>	Iowa		
1991	Ruth Johnson	Iowa		
1991	Gary Hicks	Minnesota		
1991	G. Sue Priest	Missouri		
1991	Virginia Patri	South Dakota		
1992	Terry Todd	Colorado		
1992	Thomas Davis	Iowa		
1992	K. Kay Valentik	Missouri		
1992	Mary Herring	North Dakota		
1992	Annette Johnson	South Dakota		
1992	Leora M. Kennedy	Wyoming		
1993	<b>Nancy Raso-Eklund *</b>	Wyoming		
1993	Paul E. Grube	Wyoming		
1993	Michael Orfitelli	Iowa		
1993	Wauneta Peterson	Nebraska		
1994	Carol Cooper	Iowa		
1994	Sherrill York	Iowa		
1994	Charles Edginton	Minnesota		
1994	Lois Mussett	Minnesota		
1994	James Lidstone	South Dakota		
1994	Marilyn Richardson	South Dakota		
1995	<b>James Herauf *</b>	Missouri		
1995	Donna Terbizan	North Dakota		
1995	Patricia Fors	South Dakota		
1996	<b>R. Scott Gorman *</b>	Kansas		
1996	Marybell Avery	Nebraska		
1996	George Hanson	Minnesota		
1996	Cheryl Jensen	Nebraska		

1997	<b>Vicki Worrell *</b>	Kansas		
1997	Lynn Imergoot	Missouri		
1998	<b>Sally Scherrer *</b>	South Dakota		
1998	Cheryl Norton	Colorado		
1998	Deborah Loper	Nebraska		
1999	<b>Pauline Jacobson *</b>	South Dakota		
1999	Darrel Lang	Kansas		
1999	Meggin DeMoss	Kansas		
1999	Vicki Highstreet	Nebraska		
1999	Patty Hacker	South Dakota		
1999	Kathleen Engle	Wyoming		
2000	<b>Joella Mehrhof *</b>	Kansas		
2000	Betty Lavery	Kansas		
2000	Sherri Parker	Missouri		
2001	Viola Bahls	Nebraska		
2002	<b>Bradford Strand *</b>	North Dakota		
2002	Kathy Ermler	Kansas		
2002	Jane Ann Leonard	South Dakota		
2003	<b>John Zody *</b>	Kansas		
2003	Joe Quatrochi	Colorado		
2003	Carolyn "Dolly" Strumbel	Minnesota		
2003	Ellen Cromwell-Cercle	Minnesota		
2003	John Rohwer	Minnesota		
2003	Betsy Silva	South Dakota		
2004				
2005	Joan Brewer	Kansas		
2005	Bruce Brugman	South Dakota		
2006	Sally Burgess	Kansas		
2006	Roman Horejsi	North Dakota		
2007	Wendy Frapier	North Dakota		
2007	Margie Miller	Missouri		
2007	Sandy Meneley	Kansas		
2007	Marilyn Jensen	South Dakota		
2008	<b>Nancy Christensen *</b>	Minnesota		
2008	Melissa A. Parker	Colorado		
2008	Nannette Wolford	Missouri		
2008	Gay Hughes	Wyoming		
2009	<b>Dennis Docheff *</b>	Missouri		

2009	Marian Simpson	Colorado		
2009	Jessie Daw	South Dakota		
2010	Richard Burke	Minnesota		
2011	Kelly Cook	Kansas		
2011	Sue Stinson	Kansas		
2011	Kathy Kochersperger	Kansas		
2012	Patricia Morrison	Colorado		
2013	Deb Stephenson	Iowa		
2013	Rhebba Vetter	Missouri		
2013	Amy Heuer	North Dakota		
2014	Joyce Ellis	Kansas		
2014	Amy Kaiser	Minnesota		
2014	Scott Strohmeyer	Missouri		
2015	<b>Clayton Ellis *</b>	Colorado		
2015	Sherry Folsom-Meek	Minnesota		
2016	Cinthia "CJ" Johnson	Minnesota		
2016	Becky Gunderson	North Dakota		
2017	Joe Deutsch	North Dakota		
2018	Brenda Sharp	Kansas		
2018	Rick Pappas	Kansas		
2019	Claudia Welch	Kansas		
2019	<b>Thomas Loughery *</b>	Missouri		
2020	Tracy Nelson	South Dakota		
2021				

**Central District - Division Merit Awards**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>State</b>
1988	Darrel Lang	Kansas	Charles Spencer	South Dakota
1989	Jan Adair	Minnesota	Patricia Moore	Wyoming
1990	Tom Davis	Iowa	Walter "Pax" Ricketts	Wyoming
1991	JoAnne Owens-Nausler	Nebraska	Larry Hensley	Iowa
1992	Michael Hoadley	South Dakota	Paul Bishop	Nebraska
1993	Barbara Anton	Minnesota	Thomas Baechle	Nebraska
1994				
1995	Jim Herauf	Missouri	Terry Todd	Colorado
1996	Eloise Miller	Minnesota	R. Scott Gorman	Kansas
1997				
1998	Shareen Sylvester	Minnesota	Deborah Loper	Nebraska

1999	Larry A. Pappenfuss	Minnesota	Donna Terbizan	North Dakota
2000	Bob Wandberg	Minnesota	Joella Mehrhof	Kansas
2001	Ramona Schumacher	North Dakota	Kathleen Engle	Wyoming
2002	Joe Quatrochi	Colorado	Sally Scherrer	South Dakota
2003	Judy Ary	North Dakota	Vicki Worrell	Kansas
2004	Roy Wohl	Kansas	John Oppliger	Kansas
2005	John Rohwer	Minnesota	Jane Ann Leonard	South Dakota
2006	Judy Ary	North Dakota	Berniece Jones	Nebraska
2007			Bradford Strand	North Dakota
2008				
2009	Vicki Worrell	Kansas	Bryan Chrisstensen	North Dakota
2010	Shawna Shane	Kansas	Joyce Ellis	Kansas
2011	Jennifer Thomas	Kansas	Dennis Docheff	Missouri
<b>Year</b>	<b>Recreation</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Dance</b>	<b>State</b>
1988	Sandra Modisett	North Dakota	Betty Toman	Iowa
1989	Gale Wiedow	South Dakota	Diane Timmerman	Nebraska
1990	Carol Cooper	Iowa	Kathleen Kinderfather	Missouri
1991	Mike Orfitelli	Iowa	Mark Harvey	Colorado
1992	Edsel Buchanan	Nebraska	Marilyn Richardson	South Dakota
1993	Mary Ann Loeffler	Colorado	Joella Mehrhof	Kansas
1994				
1995	Tom Kerns	Kansas		
1996	Jeff Ferguson	Missouri	Janelle Schumacher	North Dakota
1997				
1998	Vicki Highstreet	Nebraska	Suzanne Bushey	Missouri
1999	Glen Lojka	Kansas	Ellen Cromwell-Cecrle	Minnesota
2000	Terry Robertson	Missouri	Marian Simpson	Colorado
2001	Ron Haag	Kansas	Marian Simpson	Colorado
2002	Chuck Killingsworth	Kansas	Ellen Cromwell-Cecrle	Minnesota
2003	Bill Stobart	Kansas	Gina Scott	Missouri
2004	Bob Nutgrass	Iowa	Sandra Minton	Colorado
2005	Mike Miller	Wyoming	Jamie Aiken	Missouri
2006			Debra Stephenson	Iowa
2007			Johann Murray	Nebraska
2008			Kelly Cook	Kansas
2009			Becky Gunderson	North Dakota
2010			Janice Jewett	Colorado

Year	General	State	Recreation Professional of the Year	State
2011				
1998			Gale Wiedow *	South Dakota
1999	Barbara Anton	Minnesota	Jeff Ferguson	Missouri
2000	Gene Lee	Colorado		
2001			Terry Robertson	Missouri
2002			Chuck Killingsworth	Kansas
Year	Health Educator - College/	State	Health Professional of the Year (Org.)	State
1998				
1999			Barbara Scudder-Soucie *	Nebraska
2000				
2001	Christine Ahmed	South Dakota		
2002	Stephen Sedbrook	Kansas	Ramona B. Tweten *	North Dakota
2002	Carolyn Cox	Missouri		
2003	Kathie Courtney	South Dakota		
2004	Shawna Shane	Kansas		