

*Southern District of the American
Alliance for Health, Physical Education,
Recreation and Dance*

Awards Program



*April 4, 2009
Tampa, Florida*

Southern District AAHPERD Awards Luncheon
April 4, 2009
12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM

Welcome	Milton Wilder, President Southern District AAHPERD
Greetings from AAHPERD	John Bennett, Past President American Alliance for HPERD
Invocation	Mark Geise, Executive Director Oklahoma AHPERD
Lunch	
Presentation of Awards	Charity Bryan, Links Editor Bill Dickens, President 2006-07 Southern District AAHPERD
Recognition of Newly Elected Officers	Milton Wilder
President's Remarks	Milton Wilder
Passing of the Gavel	Milton Wilder
New President's Remarks	Jacque Harbison, President 2009 - 2010

All award recipients please remain for photographs



Chris Ayres, Honor Award

A graduate of the University of Central Missouri with both bachelors and masters degrees, Chris Ayres is in his 36th year as a faculty member at East Tennessee State University. He has served as President of the Tennessee AHPERD and as its Executive Director for 8 years. At East Tennessee he coached women's gymnastics, served as Interim Chair of the Department, and is currently chair of the Campus Institutional Review Board. Chris has been on the Tennessee Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health since 2001, and currently serves as its Chair. He is also the recipient of the Tennessee AHPERD Honor Award.

Chris has been principal or co-investigator in grants totaling over \$560,000 and has published articles in *The Elite Gymnast Journal*, *Journal of Strength and Conditioning*, *Medicine and Science in Sport*, and *Journal in Sport in American Culture-From Ali to X-Games*. He has made presentations at local, state, national and international professional meetings.

Chris has served Southern District on the Audit, Nominating, Exhibits and Program Advertisement, and Applied Strategic Planning Committees, and recently completed his 3-year term as Vice-President of the General Division. He has been on the staff of the American Alliance for HPERD Student Leadership Development Conference, and he has directed, hosted, and presented at the Southern District Student Leadership Conference at East Tennessee State University.



Sheri Baggett-McMinn, Honor Award

As the mother of two teenage daughters, Sheri completed her undergraduate degree from Mississippi University for Women, a master's degree from Mississippi State University, and a doctorate from Southern Mississippi. Sheri is in her 10th year as a professor at Southern Arkansas University.

Over the past 25 years Sheri has been a member of Mississippi, North Carolina, Texas, Alabama, and Arkansas HPERD Associations, beginning her Southern District service as student representative. She was elected President of both Mississippi and Arkansas AHPERD, as well as a variety of offices in MS, AL and AR. In addition to her undergraduate teaching and advising responsibilities, Sheri holds membership in a large number of campus committees and also serves as the HKR Department Coordinator and advisor for Graduate Studies. Under Sheri's leadership, SAU participated in the data collection for NASPE's K-12 Standard 1 assessments, while also serving as departmental representative on the NCATE committee.

Sheri has been involved in numerous grant and research projects with her graduate students and has published articles in *ERIC*, the Alabama, Arkansas and Louisiana AHPERD Journals, *JOPERD*, *Education*, and *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*. She has also made presentations at local, state, and national professional meetings.

Sheri served Southern District on the Nominating, Exhibits and Program, Teacher-of-the-Year, Legislative, Advocacy, Restructuring & Realignment, Applied Strategic Planning, and State and District Relations Committees. She recently completed a 3-year term as Vice-President of the Recreation Division.



Betsy Jones Beals, Honor Award

"One of the most dedicated professionals you'll ever find" is Betsy Beals. A 38-year physical educator, she completed her degree at UNC-Chapel Hill, then served as the first Elementary Physical Education Coordinator in the city. She later taught at Ravenscroft School and her last 25 years at Northwoods Elementary School in Raleigh, NC.

Betsy's professional engagement started as a college student. In 1988 she became involved with Southern District by serving on numerous committees and councils. She currently serves on the Dance Somatics-Science Council. After receiving the 2005 SDAHPERD Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award, she served on national committees (Dole Family Fitness, Opportunity to Learn, and STARS Committees) and served as 2006 National Joint Projects Chair. She has earned Teacher of the Year honors from NCAHPERD, Northwoods, and Wake County Schools. Northwoods Elementary was repeatedly a Governor's Council Top Ten Fitness School.

She has made numerous presentations on curriculum, standards, advocacy, grant writing, and teacher effectiveness as well as authoring two books and publishing in several journals. In 2001 she became one of the first physical educators to become National Board Certified in Elementary Physical Education. Betsy currently serves as one of four National Portfolio Trainers for EMC/EAYA Assessors.

Betsy promotes daily quality physical education in North Carolina, through the Teaching Fellows Program, the

Center for the Advancement of Teaching, and NCAAHPERD. She is a lifelong professional, making tireless efforts toward personal improvement. Betsy is dedicated to mentoring others in education.



Carol B. Chesnutt, Honor Award

Carol Chesnutt is presently the Girls' Athletic Director for Homewood High School in Homewood, Alabama. In addition, Carol teaches physical education and is the head varsity volleyball coach. Prior to her current position, Carol taught physical education and coached volleyball and basketball at Simmons Middle School in Hoover, Alabama.

Carol has been a member of AAHPERD and the Alabama AHPERD since 1974 when she joined as a freshman at the University of Montevallo (B.S., 1978). She received her masters degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1992. Carol has served her state association in many roles including President. Carol served Southern District as Vice President for the Physical Education Division and as a member of a numerous committees. Carol was co-chair of the Technology Conference that was held in Chattanooga in 1999. One of her fondest memories is chairing the Hospitality Committee for the 2001 Southern District Convention in Birmingham!

Carol received the ASAHPERD Secondary Physical Education Teacher of the Year award (1988), the 1996 ASAHPERD Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year and 1997 Southern District Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year awards. She has been recognized as the ASAHPERD Female Coach of the Year and was selected by the Birmingham Sportswriters as the Metro Coach of the Year for 2005. She has had numerous athletes to receive college scholarships and one former athlete currently plays in the WNBA.



Carl A. Stockton, Honor Award

Carl Stockton currently is Provost and Senior Vice-President for Academic Affairs at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Previously, he held the position of Dean and Houston Endowed Chair for Education at the University of Texas at Brownsville. Carl received a doctorate in health science education from the University of Tennessee and master's and bachelor's degrees in health education from the University of Florida.

Carl has served higher education for over 25 years as a health educator, administrator and researcher. He served Southern District as Vice-President for Health, as well as serving on the Health Research Council, Strategic Planning Committee, and Presidential Advisory Committee. While department chair at Radford University, Carl was VAHPERD President, Vice-President for Health, and Journal editor. At the national level, Carl was elected to the Board of Directors of AAHE, served as Chair of the AAHE Publication Committee, and was a member of the AAHPERD Nominating Committee.

Carl has made numerous presentations at state, district, national and international levels, including those sponsored by AAHPERD, SDAHPERD, AAHE, NASPE, APHA and the International Commission for HPERD. The co-author of a textbook on comprehensive school health and fitness curriculum, Carl has also published over forty articles and book chapters in professional journals and textbooks. He continues to advance health education by engaging with legislators and health educators on education policy, research support and outreach, and has secured external funding over \$33 million to enhance and support education at all levels.



Susan K. Lynn, Southern District Scholar

Susan K. Lynn is professor and program coordinator of physical education teacher education at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. Professor Lynn's research focus is in two areas: 1) teacher's movement through their career cycles, specifically examining the factors that sustain and inhibit teachers' successful career paths and 2) gender study in sport and physical activity settings, including the role of sports media in contemporary society-the ways sports journalists and entertainers reinforce and reject cultural hegemony, how sports media content reflect and contest it, and how audiences, including children, accept and oppose it.

Her work has appeared in numerous publications, including the *Journal of Teaching in Physical Education*, *JOP-ERD*, *Strategies*, *Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal*, *Mass Communication and Society*, *Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly*, and *Journal of Sport Management*. She has made over 100 state, regional, and national presentations. Susan has served as coeditor-in-chief of *Physical Activity Today* and co-authored the textbook, *Seminar In Physical Education: From Student Teaching to Teaching Students*. In addition, she has published three refereed book chapters.

As co-investigator, Susan Lynn has received over one million dollars in state and national grants to support her scholarship. She is a research fellow of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Susan teaches graduate and undergraduate classes. She has served as major professor for fifteen doctoral candidates at Florida State University and twice she has received the Florida State University Teaching Incentive Award.



Rose Haggerty, Ethnic Minority Award

Rose Haggerty currently serves as the Manager of Secondary Health and Physical Education for the Houston Independent School District (ISD), the largest school district in Texas. The Houston ISD has a student enrollment of nearly 200,000 (60% Hispanic and 28% African American) and more than 500 health and physical education teachers. In this position, she provides staff development opportunities, develops curriculum and serves as a resource to parents, administrators, and other school personnel.

Rose is active in TAHPERD, SDAAPERD and AAHPERD. Within TAHPERD, she served as: Secretary, Physical Education Section; Secretary and Chair, Ethnic Minorities Section; Vice President General Division; Chair, General Committee; and TAHPERD's Convention Manager. In her leadership roles, Rose identified Texas professionals of ethnic minorities to present workshops at Texas/SDAAPERD conventions and take on leadership roles in Texas/Southern District. She ensures that ethnic minority individuals attend the SDAAPERD Leadership Conference.

Rose promotes knowledge and research about ethnic minority professionals in HPERD associations. She encourages students at Texas Southern University and Prairie View A&M University to attend conferences, learn skills needed as professionals, and learn about current leaders and role models. Rose serves on many state committees for the Texas Education Agency, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the State Department of Education.

Rose Haggerty was recognized in 1992 for her outstanding physical education programs. In 2005, she was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Honor, Department of HPER at Emporia State University. In 2007, she was named TAHPERD's Administrator of the Year.



Shannon L. Williams, Taylor Dodson Award

Shannon L. Williams teaches in the DeKalb County Georgia public school system, where she serves as Coordinator of Health and Physical Education and Assistant Director of Health and Wellness. An active and committed professional, Shannon has helped forge a strong and productive working relationship between Georgia State University and the DeKalb County Schools. Through hands-on activities presented by award winning teachers, Shannon helps keep the DeKalb schools abreast of current trends, technology, health related topics, teaching techniques, and research. She provides workshops and staff development for 400 plus teachers in dance, CPR, health, and the Sports, Play, and Active Recreation for Kids (SPARK) program.

Shannon is the founder and director of a leadership team comprised of K-12 teachers to provide a voice for health and physical education specialists in elementary, middle, and high school. Along with a team of teachers, Shannon wrote the health and physical education curriculum to include an emphasis in technology with web based access for each grade level. She is a current member of the DOE Advisory Committee for developing Georgia performance standards for physical education.

Shannon has received the AAHPERD Mabel Lee Award, GAHPERD Robert Moore Professional Leadership Award, Fulton County Secondary Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award, and both the Southern District and Florida AHPERD Student of the Year Awards. She is an active community volunteer, working with the Red Cross, March of Dimes, and Special Olympics.



Candace Clippard, Outstanding Future Professional

Candace is a physical education major and member of the women's soccer team at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. She is a member of IMPACT, the student HPERD organization at Samford, and a member of Alabama State Association for HPERD and the American Alliance for HPERD. Candace has a 3.65 GPA and is a member of several honor societies. She serves various roles with Samford's Gospel Choir, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, IMPACT, Kappa Delta Pi, Alpha Lambda Delta, the Samford 5K, and coordinates a female athlete Bible study. She has volunteered her time with programs at local schools, the Lakeshore Foundation, and the Jefferson County Youth Detention Center.

Candace is President-elect of the ASAPERD Future Professionals Council. Other service to ASAPERD includes presiding and presenting at the Fall Conference. In support of Candace's nomination for this award, IMPACT ad-

visor Dr. Donna Dunaway remarked, “Candace Clippard is a future professional with a promising future. As someone who has worked with countless future professionals, I am confident that Candace will represent the HPERD professions in a positive and productive manner.”



Jeanne Huck, Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator

Jeanne Huck has been conducting Jump Rope for Heart events for the past 13 years. She is dedicated to the JRFH program and the American Heart Association. All students at her school are included in her fantastic event which is held around Valentine’s Day each year. Jeanne decorates her gym with twinkle lights, heart tinsel, balloons, and paper hearts to add to the fun of jumping rope. The Heart Wall outside the gym promotes participation. Students who raise \$100 or more are included in the Century Club. Under Jeanne’s leadership, the students at Chalker Elementary have raised over \$130,000 since 1998.

The enrollment and event have varied over the years at Chalker Elementary. They have gone from over 1200 students to around 950. Last year Jeanne added Hoops For Heart to her program to promote participation in the event as well as to continue to raise money for the American Heart Association. This year Jeanne’s school was named the top Combination JRFH/HFH event in Georgia.

Jeanne is a dedicated member of Georgia AHPERD and the National Joint Projects Committee. She regularly attends the state, Southern District, and National conventions. She has made presentations at the GAHPERD convention and Summer Institute. In past years Jeanne has been recognized as a top ten JRFH school, the Outstanding Coordinator for Georgia, and received several JRFH Grants to enhance the physical education program at her school.



Carolyn Deeb, Hoops for Heart Coordinator

Carolyn Deeb teaches physical education at Avalon Middle School in Orlando, Florida. She has been teaching in Orange County for the last 23 years. Carolyn initiated their first Jump Rope for Heart program in the late 1980’s. After nine years of middle school physical education, Carolyn chose to teach at the high school level. During her six years in high school she taught physical education and coached cheerleading, softball, basketball and soccer.

In 2006, Carolyn moved to a new middle school. In the first year of the Hoops for Heart event, Avalon raised over \$17,000 and they were the #1 school in Florida. In Avalon’s second year of the event, contributions totaled over \$20,000 and Avalon was once again #1 in Florida and #7 in the country. Carolyn offers special incentives to the students encouraging them to raise money for the HFH event. Her event includes a three-on-three challenge, hot shot challenge, obstacle course, and slam dunk contest. The students enjoy the teachers’ and administrator’s involvement as judges.

Carolyn received her Bachelors degree from University of Central Florida in Physical Education in 1988 and her masters degree from UCF in Physical Education in 2005. In 2005 she became a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT). As a National Board Certified Teacher, Carolyn serves as a mentor and instructor for staff development. She has also served as a Lead Teacher for the County PEP Grant and she presents to her peers at state and national conference sessions.



Retta Evans, College/University Health Professional of the Year

Retta Evans completed her Ph.D. in Health Education with emphasis in Nutrition at the University of Arkansas, in Fayetteville. She earned a master's degree from Northeastern State University in Health/Exercise Science College Teaching and a B.S. in Exercise Science from Fort Hays State University in Kansas. Retta is currently an Associate Professor and Program Coordinator for Health Education at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Retta has experience teaching a variety of campus and online courses. She was instrumental in developing online courses for her department. She worked with UAB’s 1917 Clinic and Office of Student Learning to develop a peer education class devoted to educating the community about healthy sexuality, HIV/AIDS, STIs and other related topics.

Retta received the UAB School of Education Dean's Award for Excellence in Mentorship in 2008. She also received the Alabama State Association for HPERD (SAHPERD) Health Educator of the Year Award in 2008. Her service activities at the state level include College Council Chair, Vice President of Health, and Strategic Planning Committee member. Retta currently serves as Chair-elect of the Southern District Community Health Council.

She has published widely on various topics related to youth health, body image of adult females and health behavior change. She is involved in grant writing endeavors focusing on obesity, physical activity and nutrition patterns in American youth. Retta is a frequent presenter at state, regional, and national professional meetings for health educators.

Susan Ragan K-12 Health Professional of the Year

Susan Ragan-Pimblett received her Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical Education K-12 from Longwood College. She received her Masters of Science degree in Community Health with a Health Education Concentration from Old Dominion University.

Susan has been teaching Health Education for the past twenty (20) years in Newport News Public Schools. While teaching is her passion, she has also been given the opportunity to write curriculum, adopt textbooks and work with Glencoe/McGraw-Hill Textbooks on their Health Advisory Panel and as a consultant. She also works as an adjunct professor at the local community college. Susan is currently the coach of the Varsity Field Hockey team, which provides her with the opportunity to instill leadership and sportsmanship in young people. She is also the Key Club sponsor where she is able to encourage students to volunteer in different acts of community service.



Joanna Faerber, Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year

Joanna has a Bachelor's degree in HPERD, a Master's in Physical Education, and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Health and Human Performance. She has been teaching and coaching since 1978. Joanna is currently an instructor at the Louisiana State University Laboratory School in Baton Rouge, where she provides many services to both elementary and college students, including demonstrating lessons for college classes and supervising student teachers.

Joanna's commitment to her profession is evident in the many ways she has chosen to become involved. Joanna has served in a variety of offices in Southern District (currently Vice President of General Division) and Louisiana AHPERD (including Vice President of Physical Education and General Divisions). She is also involved in NASPE and COPEC. She has authored several articles.

Joanna received National Board Certification in Early and Middle Childhood Physical Education in 2004. She has provided 70 presentations/workshops at national and international conferences. She has worked extensively with the Louisiana State Department of Education. Her school has received the Jump Rope for Heart "Top Turner" Award for Louisiana twice. She is active in her community, assisting with many events. Joanna is also very creative in her classroom. Each week, selected students take home a "PE Take Home Bag", which contains a variety of equipment and information. The students then write about their experiences in their PE journal. Her students also complete Activitygram and Fitnessgram testing and develop goals to improve their fitness.



Deanna Castelvechi, Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year

Deanna Castelvechi was first involved with Virginia AHPERD and Southern District as a student making presentations, writing articles for the Southern Links, and serving as student representative to the SDAAHPERD Board of Directors and president of the student majors club at Virginia Commonwealth University. She received a bachelor's degree from VCU in 2002.

As a professional, Dee has contributed to the success of the Health and Physical Education Programs at three middle schools in Chesterfield County for the past seven years. She currently teaches at Chester Middle School. Dee has assisted with her county's curriculum development using the NASPE Standards. Dee has served in numerous positions for VAHPERD, presently as the Health Division Vice President.

Dee was honored as the 2008 VAHPERD Middle School Physical Education Teacher of the Year. Her program as a teacher and coach is all inclusive for development of healthy habits and active lifestyles. As part of the school wellness program, Dee has offered jump rope, climbing wall and Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) intramurals in the mornings. Bike safety, Hoops for Heart, Red Cross first aid, Special Olympics, Fun Fitness Night, and a School Health Fair for the community are all part of the opportunities available for her students. In addition, Dee is a mentor "For Ladies Only" working with at risk girls.

Dee takes every opportunity available for professional development. She is a young, outstanding, and enthusiastic role model, who represents the best for health and physical education at the school, community, state, district, and national levels.



Debbie Holcombe, Secondary School Physical Teacher of the Year

Debbie Holcombe teaches and is the department chair at James F. Byrnes High School in Duncan, SC where she has been for the past 10 years. Her physical education class motto is “You do not have to be an athlete to be healthy.” In 2007, she received her National Board Certification. Her teaching experiences range from kindergarten to college.

Debbie gives her students many practice opportunities to achieve competency and proficiency in the different movement forms. One of Debbie’s students said of her, “I am not what you would consider the quintessential physical education student. Doing physical activities are difficult for me, but she was always encouraging me to do my best. She did not allow others to tease me and because of this it was an enjoyable experience for me.” Students race to the gym during registration to make sure they are on her class list. Some of her classes go bowling, learn how to scuba dive and go rock climbing. Students can earn extra credit by having parents or guardians exercise with them over long weekends and holidays. She is not only teaching her students but she is teaching their families as well.

Debbie attends a variety of coaching clinics and professional development opportunities offered by the South Carolina Physical Education Assessment Program and South Carolina AHPERD. As she attends conferences and clinics, she asks herself how she can use the information to teach all of her students.



David Martinez, Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year

David Martinez is currently the Adapted Physical Education Specialist for Cherokee County School District, Georgia, and a part-time “Fitness For Living” instructor for Kennesaw State University. He earned C.A.P.E. certification and completed graduate course work at the University of South Florida.

David is a professional presenter and author; he wrote “*Placing a C.A.P.E. in every Georgia School District*” (2008) and “*Resource Guide: Movement Experiences for the Pre-K Child*.” A well-regarded public speaker, David has presented at various wellness conferences as well as the Georgia AHPERD conferences in 2005 and 2007. He is the creator and co-coordinator of the Cherokee Ability Games that encourage lifetime physical activity and foster positive, equal-status relationships.

David’s colleagues describe him as “a tireless advocate for students with disabilities”, and “expert” in his field, intelligent, professional and someone whose day does not end when teaching classes is over. He is also described as “humble”. When receiving praise David responds, “I learn more from my athletes and students than they could ever learn from me.”



Chad Kinder, Recreation Professional of the Year

Chad Kinder has been employed by Southwestern Oklahoma State University since 1997. Chad currently serves as the Associate Dean of the School of Behavioral Sciences and Education and Chair of the Department of Parks and Recreation Management. While at SWOSU Chad has also served as Park Director, Law Enforcement Ranger, and faculty member. Chad received his B.S.Ed. in HPER from SWOSU in 1993. In 1995, he graduated from SWOSU with a M.Ed. in Education Administration. In 2003, he received an Ed.D. in Leisure Studies from Oklahoma State University.

Chad has implemented a number of academic programs at SWOSU in the areas of Parks & Recreation Management, Park Law Enforcement, Wildland Fire Management, and Sports Management. Chad is a graduate of numerous outdoor training programs including the National Outdoor Leadership School, Outward Bound, and the Wilderness Medicine Institute. He is a certified Oklahoma law enforcement officer and a federally certified wildland firefighter.

Prior to his employment at SWOSU, Chad taught in the public schools. His teaching assignments included secondary science, outdoor education, and elementary physical education. His primary research area is New Deal era parks and recreation. He has conducted extensive research on Civilian Conservation Corps and Works Progress Administration Parks.

Chad is a member of the Oklahoma Recreation and Park Society, the Southwest Park and Recreation Training Institute, the National Association for Interpretation, the Association for Challenge Course Technology, and AAHPERD. The 2007 President of Oklahoma AHPERD, Chad is currently serving his second term as the OAHPERD Vice-President for Recreation.



Mary Ann Laverty, K-12 Dance Educator

Mary Ann Laverty is the Director of Dance in the Center for Arts and Communication at Woodside High School, Newport News, Virginia. She has taught in a variety of high schools across the country and in university settings, including New York University and Virginia's Hampton University. Laverty routinely hosts dance conferences at her high school and mentors other faculty members throughout the Newport News School District. Although she has broad study in modern, tap, ethnic, ballet, Haitian and African dance forms, Laverty's expertise goes beyond teaching techniques. Part of her doctoral work included a study in Archive Management at New York Public Library for the Performing Arts and the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. Her professional goal has been to "...make [a] significant contribution to dance and be a good dance educator...[and to] change someone's life, for the positive, through dance."

Previous recognition for Mary Ann's unique contributions to dance and education include the National Dance Association's (NDA) Vice-President of Performance and Vice-President of Education. She currently serves as an adjudicator for NDA's Choreography Evaluation Project, a member of the Heritage Award Committee, and is a mentor/advisor for the Woodside Chapter of the national Nu Delta Alpha Honor Society.

Mary Ann Laverty is Virginia AHPERD's Vice President-elect for Dance. In 2006, she was selected as Dance Teacher Magazine's Teacher of the Year and was featured on the cover. Later that year she was named Virginia's Dance Educator of the Year.



Billie Lepczyk, College and University Dance Educator

Billie Lepczyk is an associate professor at Virginia Tech (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University) in Blacksburg, Virginia, where has been a faculty member since 1983. Early in her career, Lepczyk was based in Athens, Greece. For 10 years, she danced extensively in Europe, including roles as Principal and Featured Performer. Lepczyk also performed for the motion picture industry prior to study that resulted in academic degrees from the Michigan State and Columbia Universities.

In addition to teaching a full load of classes each year, she sponsors two performing groups on campus: one with undergraduates, graduates, and community members (approximately 50 members) and a second Ensemble (limited to 25 members). She currently serves as Chair of the College Faculty Council, on various committees, and as director of community dance productions.

Recognized by Dance colleagues as well as health, physical education, and recreation professionals, Lepczyk was selected as Virginia's University Dance Educator of the Year in 1994, 2001, and 2008, as well as the National Dance Association's (NDA) Scholar/Artist in 2002. She currently serves on the *JOPERD* Editorial Board. A prolific author and presenter on both the national and international scenes, Lepczyk maintains certification as a teacher of Yoga, Pilates, and Labanotation. Billie Lepczyk was one of the first two dance educators named a Fellow of AAHPERD's Research Consortium. She is one of approximately 30 members elected worldwide to provide the guardianship and governance of the dance notation system called Labanotation.

Past Honor Award Recipients of the Southern District AAHPERD

David A. Brace, Texas	1951	Charles W. Hackensmith, Kentucky	William Henry Wright, Virginia	
Eliot V. Graves, Virginia		William E. McCubbin, Virginia	Robert R. Blackburn, North Carolina	1984
Thomas E. McDonough, Georgia		Kenneth D. Miller, Florida	Walter E. Cooper, Mississippi	
Jessie G. Mehling, Alabama		Carl Stuart Blyth, North Carolina	Angeline Nazaretian, Alabama	
Jackson Sharmon, Alabama		Maurice A. Clay, Kentucky	Joan T. Thomas, Mississippi	
A. David Browne, Louisiana	1952	Nathan Taylor Dodson, North Carolina	John C. Cooper, Virginia	1985
Anne S. Duggan, Texas		Gail M. Hennis, North Carolina	Jane B. Moore, Alabama	
Harold Jack, Virginia		Peter W. Everett, Florida	Barry C. Pelton, Texas	
Joy W. Kistler, Louisiana		Norma Muriel Leavitt, Florida	Paul R. Varnes, Florida	
Margaret McCall, Alabama		Clifford Gray Lewis, Georgia	Bill C. Wallace, Tennessee	
Katherine Montgomery, Florida		Francis J. Riel, Tennessee	David J. Anspaugh, Tennessee	1986
Ethel I. Saxman, Alabama		Esther Boyd White, North Carolina	Richard C. Barnes, North Carolina	
Charles E. Spencer, North Carolina		Maisie Bookhardt, South Carolina	Darrell R. Crase, Tennessee	
C.J. Alderson, Texas	1953	Jessie Helen Haag, Texas	Shirley A. Holt/Hale, Tennessee	
O.K. Cornwell, North Carolina		William H. Solley, Kentucky	Kay Colston, Tennessee	1987
Helen Corrubia, Oklahoma		Ethel Preston Trice, Arkansas	David E. Cundiff, Mississippi	
Gilbert Hermance, Texas		L. Janet Wells, Florida	John H. Spurgeon, South Carolina	
E. Benton Salt, Florida		Frank W. Bearden, Texas	Jerry R. Thomas, Louisiana	
Caroline Sinclair, Virginia		Mary Ella Montague, Texas	Quentin A. Christian, Texas	1988
Mary Ella Soule, Georgia		Constance Mynatt, Tennessee	Jane B. Doss, Georgia	
S.B. Sudduth, Tennessee		Alice Ruth Reid, South Carolina	Rachel D. Greer, Arkansas	
Grace Fox, Florida	1954	Celeste Ulrich, North Carolina	Gene Hanson, Alabama	
Don C. Seaton, Kentucky		Jeane Louise Bentley, Virginia	Gordon E. Howard, South Carolina	
Ernest B. Smith, Georgia		Marilyn Crawford, Virginia	Gene Ezell, Tennessee	1989
Helen Byington, Texas		Ernest Jokl, Kentucky	Norman "Buddy" Gilchrist, Texas	
Anna Hiss, Texas	1955	H. Virginia Morris, Oklahoma	Barbara Ann Johnson, Kentucky	
Elizabeth Moore, Louisiana		Harold J. Schreiner, South Carolina	Charlene E. Thomas, Mississippi	
Gertrude Manchester, Georgia	1956	Clifford A. Boyd, Florida	Jill W. Varnes, Florida	
Ethel L. Martus, North Carolina		Miriam Collins, Alabama	Betty W. Abercrombie, Oklahoma	1990
Lloyd Messersmith, Texas		OSCr H. Gunkler, Kentucky	Thaddeus R. Crews, Kentucky	
Lynden B. Sherrill, Louisiana		Elma N. Roane, Tennessee	Edmond A. Dugas, Louisiana	
Jeff Faris, Arkansas	1957	Rebecca Dennard, Georgia	Joyce C. Moore, Alabama	
Julia Grout, North Carolina		Jesse J. Hawthorne, Texas	Millie M. Usher, Georgia	
Carol Lane, Louisiana		Charles D. Henry, Louisiana	Larry C. Bostian, North Carolina	1991
Harold D. Meyer, North Carolina		Rosemary McGee, North Carolina	Karen J. Dowd, Oklahoma	
Charles Vettiner, Kentucky		Ruth M. Cady, Texas	Jane H. Hooker, Tennessee	
Mary E. Buice, Texas	1958	Mary Wylie Ford, South Carolina	Janet E. Parke, Florida	
Guy Nesom, Louisiana		Irma Jeanne Caton, Texas	Leroy Fanning, Tennessee	1992
Elizabeth Autrey, Florida		Jean Gillis Jacobs, Georgia	Jane Jenkins, North Carolina	
Valerie Colvin, Oklahoma	1959	Elizabeth A. Jones, Arkansas	Carolyn Mitchell, Texas	
Sue M. Hall, Kentucky		Eva Doris McKinney, North Carolina	Robert H. Kirk, Tennessee	1993
Lawrence T. Ludwig, Virginia		Martha Fuller Owens, Georgia	Jacqueline T. Poythress, Georgia	
Zollie M. Maynard, Florida		Wilbur L. Carr, Mississippi	Glenn M. Roswal, Alabama	
Helen B. Stuart, North Carolina	1960	Ralph H. Johnson, Georgia	Jennifer A. Brown, Alabama	1994
Ned L. Warren, Tennessee		Richard F. Means, Alabama	Charles V. Daniel, Jr., Kentucky	
Willis J. Baughman, Alabama	1961	Mabel Crenshaw Robinson, Alabama	Donna L. Dunaway, Alabama	
E. Troy Hendricks, Arkansas		Leroy T. Walker, North Carolina	Danny J. Ballard, Texas	1995
Zebulon B. Vance, Georgia		Robert T. Bowen, Jr., Georgia	Patricia A. Floyd, Alabama	
Clara Gibson Haddox, Tennessee	1962	Owen J. Holyoak, Florida	Frances A. Meyer, Virginia	
Richard E. Jamerson, North Carolina		Ronald W. Hyatt, North Carolina	Virginia L. Peters, Oklahoma	
Sara S. Jernigan, Florida		Jack K. Nelson, Louisiana	David Shelby Brightwell, Mississippi	1996
Frances A. Mays, Virginia		Gladys Case Peck, Louisiana	Claire M. Foret, Louisiana	
Ora R. Wakefield, Tennessee		Bettye L. Giles, Tennessee	Barbara J. Marshall, Oklahoma	
Eveline E. Kappes, Texas	1963	Dorothy White Harkins, Kentucky	James E. Ward, Tennessee	
Mary Kate Miller, Mississippi		Barry Lynn Johnson, Texas	Milton R. Wilder, Mississippi	
Arnold W. Winkenhof, Georgia		Clyde Partin, Sr., Georgia	Robert E. Hampton, South Carolina	1997
Harrold M. Barrow, North Carolina	1964	Clifford T. Seymour, Sr., Louisiana	Donna J. Hester, Alabama	
H. Spurgeon Cherry, Florida		Eleanor W. Bobbitt, Virginia	Mary Linda Ramsey, Tennessee	
Bernice Rogers Finger, Alabama		Gordon E. "Sam" Coker, Louisiana	Judy D. Ryals, Alabama	
Virginia M. Powell, Texas		Holly Beth Poindexter, Texas	Jack H. Schiltz, Virginia	
Maryhelen Vannier, Texas		Marian Solleder, North Carolina	Robert G. Davis, Virginia	1998
Lynn W. McCraw, Texas	1965	Dorothy Burdeshaw, Mississippi	Melvin I. Evans, Mississippi	
Helen B. Watson, Tennessee		Patricia Bruce, Virginia	Sandra L. Gallemore, Georgia	
Theo Joseph Bleier, Florida	1966	Elizabeth C. Bookhout, North Carolina	Charlie Gibbons, Alabama	
Cecile Ann Hudson, Arkansas		Fred E. Darling, Kentucky	Katherine F. Hill, Louisiana	
William H. Peacock, North Carolina		Newman E. McGee, Jr., Arkansas		
Ruth White Fink, North Carolina	1967	Vane T. Wilson, Louisiana		

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Honor Award (Continued)

Alta M. Burns, Arkansas	1999
Gerald P. Carlson, Louisiana	
Lynn G. Dillon, Virginia	
Steven R. Furney, Texas	
Mel Finkenber, Texas	2000
Andrew Lewis, South Carolina	
George White, Tennessee	
Marcella Porter, Texas	2001
Josephine H. Templeton, South Carolina	
Gary L. Wilson, South Carolina	
Cam Kerst-Davis, Tennessee	2002
Sandra K. Gangstead, Mississippi	
Beverly Mitchell, Georgia	
Betty Block, Georgia	2003
Donald L. Calitri, Kentucky	
Cynthia D. Gober, Tennessee	
Darlene Kluka, Louisiana	
Huey R. Pearson, Florida	
William I. Dickens, Louisiana	2004
Linda M. Gunning, Oklahoma	
Gay James, Texas	
Linda Galloway	2005
Gladys Keeton, Texas	
Jim Stillwell, Arkansas	
Sandy Weeks, Texas	
Noel Grady-Smith, North Carolina	2006
Carolyn M. Mauck, Texas	
Ron G. Morrow, North Carolina	
John P. Bennett, North Carolina	2007
Lonnice J. Davis, Kentucky	
Judy A. Johnson, North Carolina	
William T. Hey, Alabama	2008
Janice LaPointe-Crump	
Jeanne M. Schul, Georgia	
Sandra K. Sims, Alabama	
David M. White, North Carolina	

Southern District Scholar Award

Jerry Thomas, Louisiana	1982
Robert M. Malina, Texas	1983
Robert M. Singer, Florida	1984
Christian W. Zauner, Florida	1985
Darrell R. Crase, Tennessee	1986
Paula Welsch, Florida	1987
Emily Haymes, Florida	1988
Steven N. Blair, Texas	1989
Richard A. Magill, Louisiana	1990
Russell R. Pate, South Carolina	1991
Melvin Williams, Virginia	1992
Jo A. Carter, Louisiana	1993
Michael A. Horvat, Georgia	1994
Gene Ezell, Tennessee	1995
Diane L. Gill, North Carolina	1996
Glenn Roswal, Alabama	1997
David J. Anspaugh, Tennessee	1998
Paul G. Schempp, Georgia	1999
James Morrow, Texas	2000
Darlene Kluka, Louisiana	2001
Carl Gabbard, Texas	2002
Melinda Solmon, Louisiana	2003
Jin Wang, Georgia	2004
James Zhang, Florida	2005
Daniel P. Connaughton, Florida	2006
Louis Harrison, Jr., Texas	2007
Michael W. Metzler, Georgia	2008

Nathan Taylor Dodson Award

Gene Ezell, Tennessee	1983
Dexter Mills, Georgia	1984
Christine Boyd Stopka, Florida	1985
Barbara A. Rienzo, Florida	1986
Darlene N. Ford, Louisiana	1987
Luke E. Kelly, Virginia	1988
Caroline Jessie Jones, Louisiana	1989
Glenn M. Roswal, Alabama	1990
Darlene Kluka, Alabama	1991
Whitfield East, Tennessee	1992
David M. White, North Carolina	1993
Krissa A. Baylor, Georgia	1994
Martin E. Block, Virginia	1995
Jayne D. Greenberg, Florida	1996
Steve M. Dorman, Florida	1997
Michael A. Perko, North Carolina	1998
Ming Li, Georgia	1999
Eddie Herbert, Mississippi	2000
Nester Sherman, Texas	2001
Kristi Sayers, Alabama	2002
David S. Fleming, Florida	2003
Ralph Wood, Louisiana	2004
Deborah Shapiro, Georgia	2005
Michael D. Ballard, Kentucky	2006
John R. Todorovich, Florida	2007
Charity L. Bryan, Louisiana	2008

Ethnic Minority Award

Melvin I. Evans, Mississippi	1996
Willie Daniel, Louisiana	1997
Joyce C. Moore, Alabama	1998
Hazel Alberta Scott, South Carolina	1999
Virdeen Evans, Florida	2000
Charlie Gibbons, Alabama	2001
Patricia Floyd, Alabama	2002
Robert H. Kirk, Tennessee	2003
E. Newton Jackson, Jr., Florida	2004
Sr. Jean Marie Craig, Louisiana	2005
Darlene Ann Kluka, Georgia	2006
Andrew H. Lewis, South Carolina	2007
Frances Anthony Meyer, Virginia	2008

W. Clyde Partin Service Award

Susan Allen, Virginia	1998
Joe Kimbrell, Louisiana	1999
Lin Cave, Texas	2000
Camp ASCCA Easter Seals	2001
Lawrence Robey, Alabama; Ethel Hall, Alabama; Billy Gober & Sportime International, Georgia	2002
Polar, Inc.	2003
American Heart Association, SE	2004
No recipient	2005-07
Barry Traub, Georgia	2008
John M. Wilson, Alabama	

Outstanding Student Award

Lisa Marie Skelton, Louisiana	1993
Cindy B. Young, Oklahoma	1994
Shannon L. Williams, Florida	1995
Donnie "Keith" Turner, Tennessee	1996
Tiphonie S. Looper, Oklahoma	1997
Rachelle Franz, Oklahoma	1998
John Griffin, Oklahoma	1999
Elizabeth Short, South Carolina	2000
Amy Bentley, Kentucky	2001

Judy Vandervest, Texas	2002
Brad Pickich, Mississippi	2003
Mandi L. Porter, Mississippi	2004
Jeremy Nuckols, Virginia	2005
Michael Hemphill, North Carolina	2006
Caroline Janas, Alabama	2007
Jennifer Hamlet, Virginia	2008

Health Educator of the Year

Linda Harrill-Rudisill, North Carolina	1986
Thomas Kent Williams, Arkansas	1987
Jerry Parks, Kentucky	1988
Lucinda M. Sutton, Florida	1989
Gwendolyn V. Holmes, Virginia	1990
Vickie Knauff, Florida	1991
Lynn Haley, Texas	1992
Penny P. Whiteaker, Georgia	1993

Health Educator of the Year: K - 12

Judy C. Johnson, Virginia	1994
Susan Clark, Texas	1995
Louise Early, Virginia	1996
Butch Barker, Alabama	1997
Darryl R. York, Georgia	1998
Lynn Dillon, Virginia	1999
Vivian Kendall, Florida	2000
Sherrie Bollhorst, Virginia	2001
Jamie Hubbard, Virginia	2002
Judy Johnson, Virginia	2003
Warren Pruett, Virginia	2004
Kay Oldaker, Virginia	2005
No Recipient	2006
Patricia Larsen, Virginia	2007
Catherine Stafford Hawkins, Virginia	2008

Health Educator of the Year: College/University

Donna Breitenstein, North Carolina	1994
Gene Ezell, Tennessee	1995
Steven Furney, Texas	1996
Jean Elizabeth Dawson, Georgia	1997
Steve M. Dorman, Florida	1998
Danny Ballard, Texas	1999
Susan Ward, Texas	2000
Barbara Rienzo, Florida	2001
Charlotte Rhodes, Virginia	2002
Eva Doyle, Texas	2003
Linda Synovitz, Louisiana	2004
Willie Hey, Alabama	2005
DawnElla M. Rust, Texas	2006
George Strickland, Texas	2007
Michael D. Ballard, Kentucky	2008

Health Educator of the Year: Business/Industry/ Workplace

David Gardner, North Carolina	1994
James M. Eddy, Alabama	1995
Chris A. Krueger, Florida	1998
Susan Jackson, North Carolina	1999
Ann Sabbag, Florida	2000

Health Educator of the Year: Agency/Public/Community

Linda Goodson, Alabama	1994
Barbie Brunner, Arkansas	1998
Katherine Cason, South Carolina	2000
Audrey Shively, Florida	2001

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Health Educator of the Year: Clinical/

Medical

Clifford Jack Hataway, Sr., Alabama	1994
Jonathan Foy, Arkansas	1999
Karen Simpson, Florida	2001

Health Educator of the Year: Administration

Carol Sisco, Florida	1998
Peggy Kelly, Florida	2000
Myrna Watkins, Florida	2001
Don Calitri, Kentucky	2002
Ronnie Floyd, Alabama	2003
Carl Stockton, Texas	2004
No Recipient	2005
No Recipient	2006
Steve Furney, Texas	2007
Mike Perko, Alabama	2008

Elementary School Physical Education

Teacher of the Year

Linda P. Cicero, Alabama	1987
Shirley A. Holt-Hale, Tennessee	1988
Tammy Richardson, Alabama	1989
Dawn Breihan, Texas	1990
Janice Longino, Texas	1991
Robin Ann Litaker, Alabama	1992
Jean Blaydes, Texas	1993
Cam Kerst-Davis, Tennessee	1994
Larry Satchwell, Georgia	1995
Marki Payne, Oklahoma	1996
Thomasine Bowling, South Carolina	1997
Adelaide Carpenter, South Carolina	1998
Carole Smith, Texas	1999
Scott Diller, South Carolina	2000
Susan Jackson, Alabama	2001
Nancy Markos, Virginia	2002
Susan Miller, Virginia	2003
Laura Matney, Tennessee	2004
Betsy Beals, North Carolina	2005
Gwendolyn L. Hairston, Virginia	2006
Linda Holloway, Florida	2007
Cerie Godfrey, Georgia	2008

Middle School Physical Education

Teacher of the Year

Betty Gene Smith, Oklahoma	1993
Donna Kay Burke, Alabama	1994
Francesca Zavacky, Virginia	1995
Dianne Holmes, Oklahoma	1996
Carol B. Chesnutt, Alabama	1997
Amy Diana Cabaniss, Alabama	1998
Sandra K. Sims, Alabama	1999
Cheryl Deal, Georgia	2000
Melanie Champion, North Carolina	2001
Mary Bailey, Florida	2002
Dana Fronk, Georgia	2003
Judith R. DeWalt, North Carolina	2004
Mike Tenoschok, Georgia	2005
Kem Dudley, North Carolina	2006
Emily Pharez, Alabama	2007
Tecca Kilmer, Florida	2008

Secondary School Physical Education

Teacher of the Year

Joyce Thibodeaux, Louisiana	1983
Lillian B. Morava, Texas	1984
Charlene E. Thomas, Mississippi	1985
Katha H. Black, Texas	1986

Carolyn Sudberry, Georgia	1987
Nilda R. Reyes, Oklahoma	1988
Sandra G. Combs, Oklahoma	1989
Marian E. King, Georgia	1990
Mary Ann Thompson, Oklahoma	1991
Barbara C. Polansky, Texas	1992
Karen Lynch, Georgia	1993
Joe Winfield, Texas	1994
Annette Reynolds, Texas	1995
Marguerite Mashburn, Georgia	1996
Molly A. Pickering, Oklahoma	1997
Kathy Holloway, Louisiana	1998
Toni R. Leo, Alabama	1999
Lynn Hazel, Florida	2000
Pat Hewitt, South Carolina	2001
Karen Carter, South Carolina	2002
Vicki Brand, Louisiana	2003
Sandra Sims, Alabama	2004
Linda Lemley, Oklahoma	2005
Ernest Holcomb, North Carolina	2006
Deborah Walters, Arkansas	2007
Brenda Pasek Sadowski	2008

Adapted Physical Educator of the Year

Nancy Whitehurst, Tennessee	2001
William P. Brady, Jr., Virginia	2003
Eamon Kennedy, Texas	2004
No Recipient	2005
Sherri A. Mell, Texas	2006
Cindy Slagle, Texas	2007
Linda Cornman, Florida	2008

Recreation Professional of the Year

Mildred Little, Texas	1988
Norman "Buddy" Gilchrest, Texas	1989
Glenn M. Roswal, Alabama	1990
Betty Pickett, Tennessee	1991
Willie Daniel, Louisiana	1992
Jane B. Doss, Georgia	1993
Jeanette Hutchison, Louisiana	1994
William M Bishop, Texas	1995
Mary Belle Gianni, Tennessee	1996
Bertha M. Cato, Florida	1997
Kerri Slaton, Louisiana	1998
Claire Foret, Louisiana	1999
Harold Rainwater, Kentucky	2000
Tresa Gilchrest, Texas	2001
Jo Lynn Brown, Texas	2002
Darlynda Brightwell, Texas	2003
Russ McHenry, North Carolina	2004
Rich Almsteadt, Texas	2005
Julie Landreneau, Louisiana	2006
Charlotte Kelso, Virginia	2007
JiJi Jonas, Louisiana	2008

Dance Educator of the Year

Millicent S. Simmons, Alabama	1987
Mary M. Lappe, Texas	1988
Rosann M. Cox, Texas	1989
Katha H. Black, Texas	1990
LuAnne Carter, Texas	1991
Carol C. Phillips, North Carolina	1992
Judith Gaghan, North Carolina	1993

Dance Educator of the Year K - 12

Gary Moore, Alabama	1994
Mary B. Wolfe, North Carolina	1995
Valerie K. Hill, Texas	1996

Connie Wright, Georgia	1997
Jackie S. Current, North Carolina	1998
Jessica Landry, Louisiana	1999
Lynn Reynolds, Texas	2000
Noel Grady-Smith, North Carolina	2001
Liz Gallego, Texas	2002
Susan Hartley, North Carolina	2003
Cynthia M. Hoban, North Carolina	2004
Janelle Brady, Texas	2005
Milne Bail Cato, Georgia	2006
Kelly Burnette, Florida	2007
Sanja Korman, Texas	2008

Dance Educator of the Year College/

University

Nelson D. Neal, Virginia	1994
Rayma K. Beal, Kentucky	1995
Mark Wheeler, Georgia	1996
Sue Stinson, North Carolina	1997
Gladys M. Keeton, Texas	1998
Pamela Sofras, North Carolina	1999
Elizabeth "Libby" Rhodes, Texas	2000
Janice LaPointe-Crump, Texas	2001
Billie Lepczyk, Virginia	2002
Michael S. Bobo, Texas	2003
Marsha Lester, North Carolina	2004
Jeanne Elkins, Georgia	2005
Elizabeth Gillaspay, Texas	2006
Wendy Guess-Hall, Texas	2007
Molly Snell, Texas	2008

Jump Rope for Heart Coordinator

Susan Jackson, Alabama	2001
Sunny Seale, Louisiana	2002
Gary Wilson, Mississippi	2003
Emily Adams, Georgia	2004
Ken Hirth	2005
Kim Berg, North Carolina	2006
Suzanne Stone, Alabama	2007
Neva S. Shillington, Louisiana	2008

Hoops for Heart Coordinator

Brook Gibbons, Alabama	2003
Robbie Gibbons, Alabama	2004
No recipient	2005
Toni Leo, Alabama	2006
No recipient	2007
No recipient	2008