

Dr. Sigmund Abeles Science Advocate Award



The Connecticut Science Teachers Association (CSTA) and the Connecticut Science Supervisors Association (CSSA) established this joint award to honor Dr. Sigmund Abeles, State Science Consultant emeritus, for his outstanding leadership and service to science education in Connecticut.

The award is designed to recognize individuals or organizations that have demonstrated genuine advocacy for science education in Connecticut as evidenced by their substantial and sustained support and contributions. Advocacy can take many forms including funds and/or personnel to provide students and teachers with materials, support services, and workshops. It can also consist of contributions of leadership, energy, ideas, innovations, and/or other resources and talents.

Awardees

The award can be given to an individual or an organization (e.g., agency, industry, publisher, academic institution) in recognition and appreciation for outstanding service and long-term commitment and support to science education in Connecticut. Such advocacy may be at the local and/or statewide level. There is a long tradition that this award is given to an individual who has been a staunch advocate for science education outside of formal activity or membership in CSTA or CSSA. One award may be given each year, but this is not to infer that it must be given annually.

Nomination Process

Any member of CSTA or CSSA may nominate candidates. Nominations are submitted to the chairperson(s) of the award committees of CSTA and CSSA in the form of a letter of support containing specific information concerning the long-term contributions of the nominee. All nominations will be reviewed and voted upon by all the members of the CSTA/CSSA award committee(s).

Recognition

The recipient of this award will be honored at the annual CSTA/CSSA Award Banquet. The recipient and another person of his/her choice will be dinner guests at the award banquet. The recipient will also receive recognition in CSTA and CSSA newsletters. In addition, the recipient will receive a commemorative piece (traditionally a marble obelisk) with the following inscription:

Dr. Sigmund Abeles Science Advocate Award

Presented to

Name: _____

for outstanding service to Science Education in Connecticut

from the

Connecticut Science Teachers Association

and the

Connecticut Science Supervisors Association

Date: _____

Funding

All expenses related to this award will be shared equally by the Connecticut Science Teachers Association and the Connecticut Science Supervisors Association.

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