

Awards & Scholarship Committee Final Report
2015 SDASCOE Convention at Deadwood, SD
April 24 & 25, 2015

SDASCOE Awards & Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Larry Somsen gave the following 2015 report to the membership during the SDASCOE Convention held at Deadwood, SD on April 24 & 25, 2015:

Three Distinguished Service Award nominations were received for 2015. South Dakota Judges determined the following winners for 2015: Damon Stormo, CED from Hamlin County was the DSA Service to FSA-Agriculture winner, and Sherry Ternes was the DSA Service to Community winner. Awards Chairman Larry Somsen informed the Convention group that Damon Stormo and Sherry Ternes also both received the NWA DSA Award for their respected division.

This year's DSA judges were Susi Odden from Miner, Peggy Groen from Lincoln, and Margie Wiley from Tripp. The Chairman thanked them for their service to SDASCOE.

Seven South Dakota NASCOE Student Scholarship applications were submitted for the NASCOE Student Scholarships for 2015. All of these scholarships were forwarded to the NWA for Judging by March 1st. The Chairperson has not received any information on who the winner of the NWA \$1500 Traditional Scholarship was for 2015. The winners of the National NASCOE Traditional Scholarship for the \$2500, the \$1000 Members Only Continuing Education Scholarship and the \$1000 Open Continuing Education Scholarship should be selected by May 30, 2015.

Accumulative Sick Leave Awards: The Chairperson announced the following SDASCOE members have reached the following Accumulative Sick Leave Awards levels and were recognized at the 2015 SDASCOE Banquet this year:

1000 Hours: Owen Anderson (Jerauld), Susan Berg (Clark), Shari Evenson (Corson), Joshua Pesek (Bon Homme), Valorie Scherschligt (Yankton) and Darla Westin (Union)

1500 Hours: Lynn Chilson (Lincoln), and Carol Kindelspire (McPherson)

2000 Hours: Rick Fager (Union), Russ Simon (Spink), and Wendy Olson (STO).

Years of Service Awards: The following 58 FSA Employees were recognized for **Years of Service** at this year's 2015 State SDASCOE Convention in Deadwood:

5 Years of Service: Michaela Iverson (Day), Sheila Kjenstad (Deuel), Brenda Johnson (Hamlin), Darla Thue (Hamlin), Ann Ward-Thuringer (Hutchinson), Zachary Neises (Lake), Beth Petterson (Lincoln), Carrie Hansen (Roberts), Brett Knox (Spink), Teri Mitchell, (Spink), and Staci Wolf (Tripp).

10 Years of Service: Barbara Dykstra (Clay), and Judith Christensen (McCook).

15 Years of Service: Lisa Reuland (Aurora), Kathryn Coleman (Bon home), Natalie Sattler (Brown), Darla Turbiville (Butte), Joan Bauer (Corson), Rosann Lichtsinn (Grant), Tanya Mcilravy (Haakon), Nancy Harrell (Hand), Lisa Lindeman, (Hutchinson), Angie Goebel (Kingsbury), Angela Rentz (Lake), Dixie Oedekoven (Meade), Donna Bouman (Mellette), Terri Roth (Spink), Lori Richards (Turner) and Vickie Ahart (Union).

20 Years of Service: Sarah Wanner (Codington), Dean Bahr (Dewey), Kari Sanders (Fall River), Stan Thompson (Marshall), and David Merchen (Yankton).

25 Years of Service: Nina Reiff (Bon Homme), Denise Maag (Brown), William Chase (Corson), Ellen Schroeder (Davison), Collen Keller (Dewey), Monica Buri (Grant), Shelley Moncur (Hand), Robert Kniffen (Lincoln), Janelle Serr (McPherson), Michelle Ihnen (Minnehaha), Lynne Schmidt (Sandborn), Donita Garry (STO), and Mary Held (STO).

30 Years of Service: Jeannie Emmett (Brookings), LaVerne Tetzlaff (Codington), Renee Mack (Codington), Sandra Bowar (Faulk), Carmen Jessop (Lyman), Carol Hutchinson (Mellette), Joseph Knipping (Moody), Jiggs O Connell (Pennington), Joan Russell (STO), and Paul Hanson (STO).

35 Years of Service: Paulette Ruhd (Deuel).

Extra Mile Awards: Extra Mile Awards were presented to SED, Craig Schaunaman; and Executive Officer, Jamie White, and DD, Kevin Steckelberg for the “extra mile” they provide to the Tripp County FSA Office this past year. CED, Becky Zirpel was the nominator for these extra mile awards.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Somsen
SDASCOE Awards and Scholarship Chairperson