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Ag foundation's Teacher of the Year wins national teaching award

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Ray Huff, principal and K-8 teacher at Service Valley Charter Academy in Oswego, was recently named one of six recipients of the "Excellence in Teaching About Agriculture" national award. Huff is Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom's (KFAC) 2016 Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year.

The award program honors outstanding teachers who bring innovation and practical teaching about agriculture into the classroom. It is sponsored by the Agriculture in the Classroom Program (AITC) of the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, the National Agriculture in the Classroom Consortium and Farm Credit. Huff will be recognized during the AITC national conference in Phoenix, Ariz., this June. As a recipient, Huff will receive a \$500 honorarium and up to \$1,500 for travel-related expenses to attend the national conference.



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"We couldn't be more proud to have Ray receive this prestigious national teaching award and represent Kansas in such a powerful way," said Cathy Musick, KFAC executive director. "Ray goes above and beyond to ensure agriculture is a part of his school's core values and his passion for teaching agriculture is contagious. This is a well-deserved award for Ray."

In addition to Huff, teachers from Georgia, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania will also be honored. For more information about the award program or AITC, visit www.agclassroom.org.

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About Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

The Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. KFAC was founded in 1982 as part of a nationwide initiative to help students gain a greater awareness of the role of agriculture in the economy and society so that they may become citizens who support wise agricultural policies. For more information, visit www.ksagclassroom.org or phone (785) 320-4350.

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