

## NDT Coaching awards



### Commentary by William Southworth, Redlands University

**With age comes growing respect, and appreciation for those individuals who have devoted so much time and effort into making the forensic community a more enjoyable and productive experience for so many students. The first annual award for forensic contributors was initiated by the NDT Board of Trustees in 1996. The 50th NDT at Wake Forest was a festive event with many NDT alumni returning to see how the activity, that had so influenced their lives, had evolved. The Lucy Keel Award in honor of the former Director of Debate at CSU Fullerton and member of the Board of Trustees for many years, was created to recognize outstanding service to the Debate Community, the previous recipients have been:**

#### *LUCY KEELE AWARD*

- 1996 Donn Parson, University of Kansas**
- 1997 Brett O'Donnell, Liberty University**
- 1998 Melissa Wade & Bill Newnam, Emory University**
- 1999 George Ziegelmueller, Wayne State University**
- 2000 Bill Balthrop, University of North Carolina**
- 2001 Rich Edwards, Baylor University**
- 2002 Pat Ganer, Cypress College**
- 2003 Frank Harrison, Trinity University**
- 2004 Will Baker, New York University**
- 2005 Allan Loudon, Wake Forest University**
- 2006 David Zarefsky, Northwestern University**
- 2007 - Stefan Bauschard, Lakeland Schools, NY**
- 2008 - Bill Southworth, University of Redlands**
- 2009 - Jon Brusckke, Cal State Fullerton**
- 2010 - Jim Hanson and Aaron Hardy, Whitman College**
- 2011 - Dallas Perkins, Harvard University**
- 2012 - Gary Larson, Wheaton College**
- 2013 - Tim O'Donnell, Mary Washington University**
- 2014 - Sarah T Partlow Lefevre, Idaho State University**

**A second award was initiated at the 1999 NDT. Wayne State Alumni endowed an award in honor of their coach, George Ziegelmueller, for his over 30 years of excellent coaching, timeless commitment to the activity and numerous contributions to the forensics community---not the least of which was saving the NDT in 1966.**

Appropriately enough it is called *The George Ziegelmueller Award* and is presented to a faculty member who has distinguished himself or herself in the communication profession while coaching teams to competitive success at the NDT. Justifiably, George was himself the first recipient, others who have followed include:

***GEORGE ZIEGELMUELLER AWARD***

- 1999 George Ziegelmueller, Wayne State University
- 2000 Allan Loudon, Wake Forest University
- 2001 Chester Gibson, State University of West Georgia ; Ken Strange, Dartmouth College
- 2002 Herb James, Dartmouth College; Karla Leeper, Baylor University
- 2003 Donn Parson, University of Kansas ; Tuna Snider, University of Vermont
- 2004 Cate Palczewski, University of Northern Iowa
- 2005 William Southworth, University of Redlands
- 2006 Scott Harris, University of Kansas
- 2007 - Scott Deatherage, Northwestern University
- 2008 - Sarah T Partlow Lefevre, Idaho State University
- 2009 - Ross Smith, Wake Forest University
- 2010 - Tim O'Donnell, University of Mary Washington
- 2011 - Gordon Stables, University of Southern California
- 2012 - Glen Frappier, Gonzaga
- 2013 - Ryan Galloway, Samford University
- 2014 - Mike Davis - James Madison University

In 1999, a West Georgia Alumni endowed an award to be presented to the Coach of the Winning Team at the NDT. *The Ovid Davis Award* has not been permanently engraved with Scott Deatherage's name on it, but as the following recipient list might suggest it well could be:

***OVID DAVIS AWARD***

- 1999 Scott Deatherage, Northwestern University
- 2000 Melissa Wade, Emory University
- 2001 David Hingstman, University of Iowa
- 2002 Scott Deatherage, Northwestern University
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- 2004 Mike Eber, Michigan State University
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- 2006, Mike Eber, Michigan State University
- 2007 - Bill Newman, Emory University
- 2008 - Ross Smith, Wake Forest University
- 2009 - Scott Harris, University of Kansas
- 2010 - Greta Stahl, Michigan State

**2011 - Dan Fitzmyer, Northwestern  
2012 - Jonathan Paul , Georgetown  
2013 - Sam Maurer, Emporia State  
2014 - Jonathan Paul, Georgetown Uiversity**

**It is unfortunate that such recognition was not available to earlier coaches who devoted their lives to the activity. Most institutions with a long and rich tradition in debate do remember the early giants on their own campus. At Redlands we present annually the *E.R. Nichols Award* to the outstanding debater at the Graduation Honors Convocation. E.R. Nichols coached at Redland from 1913 to 1952 he helped form the NDT and was the first to coach back to back winners of the NDT. As we recognize the worthy contributions of the above recipients let us never forget the equally compelling sacrifices of coaches like Martin Holcomb of Augustana, Robert Huber of Vermont, Annabel Hagood of Alabama, Alan Nichols of USC, Glenn Capp of Baylor and so many more. They paved the trail for the rest of us and for the most part did it on their own, long before they were able to assemble the huge budgets and coaching staffs that are now so common in collegiate debate. As the above lists grow, let us never forget those who made it all possible!**

**2009 the James Unger Award was established to recognize the coach of the top 1st round team/Copeland winner.**

***JAMES J. UNGER COACHING AWARD***

**2009 - Daniel Fitzmier, Northwestern University  
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2014 - Daniel Fitzmier, NorthwesternUniversity**

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