



# **AAEE Excellence in Environmental Education Awards**

**2023**





# Outstanding Junior/Young Professional in Environmental Education

Candidates eligible for this award are those who are 23 years of age or younger who have contributed significantly to the field of environmental education in the State of Arizona.







**Outstanding Junior/Young**  
**Professional in**  
**Environmental Education**

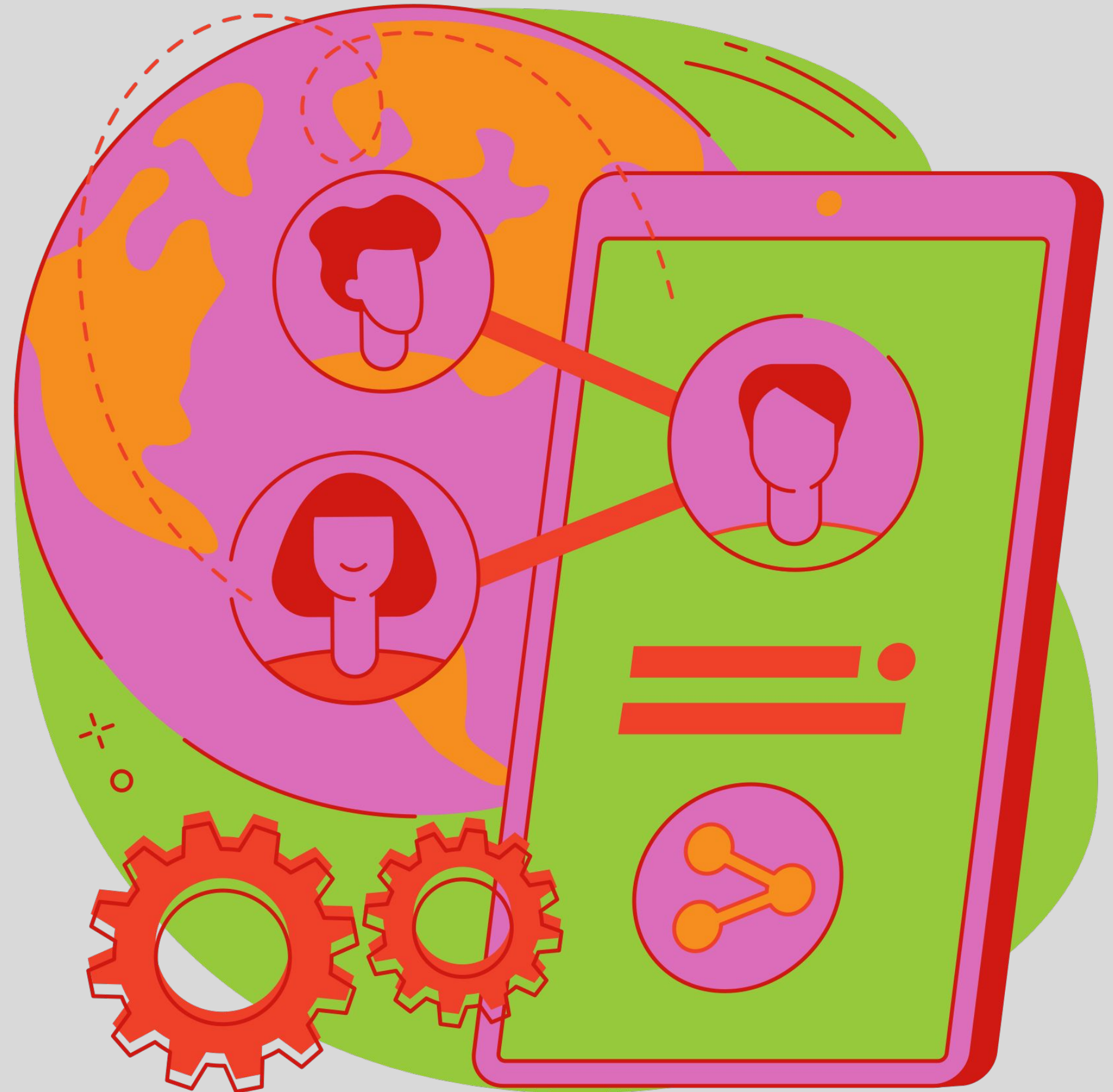
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# Outstanding Environmental Educator in Informal or Non-formal Settings

Candidates eligible for this award are individuals who are distinguished within the field of environmental education in informal settings. Informal settings are defined as settings that do not primarily occur within a formal classroom or school environment – these can include museums, science centers, zoos, aquariums, botanical gardens, national parks, or similar setting within the State of Arizona.



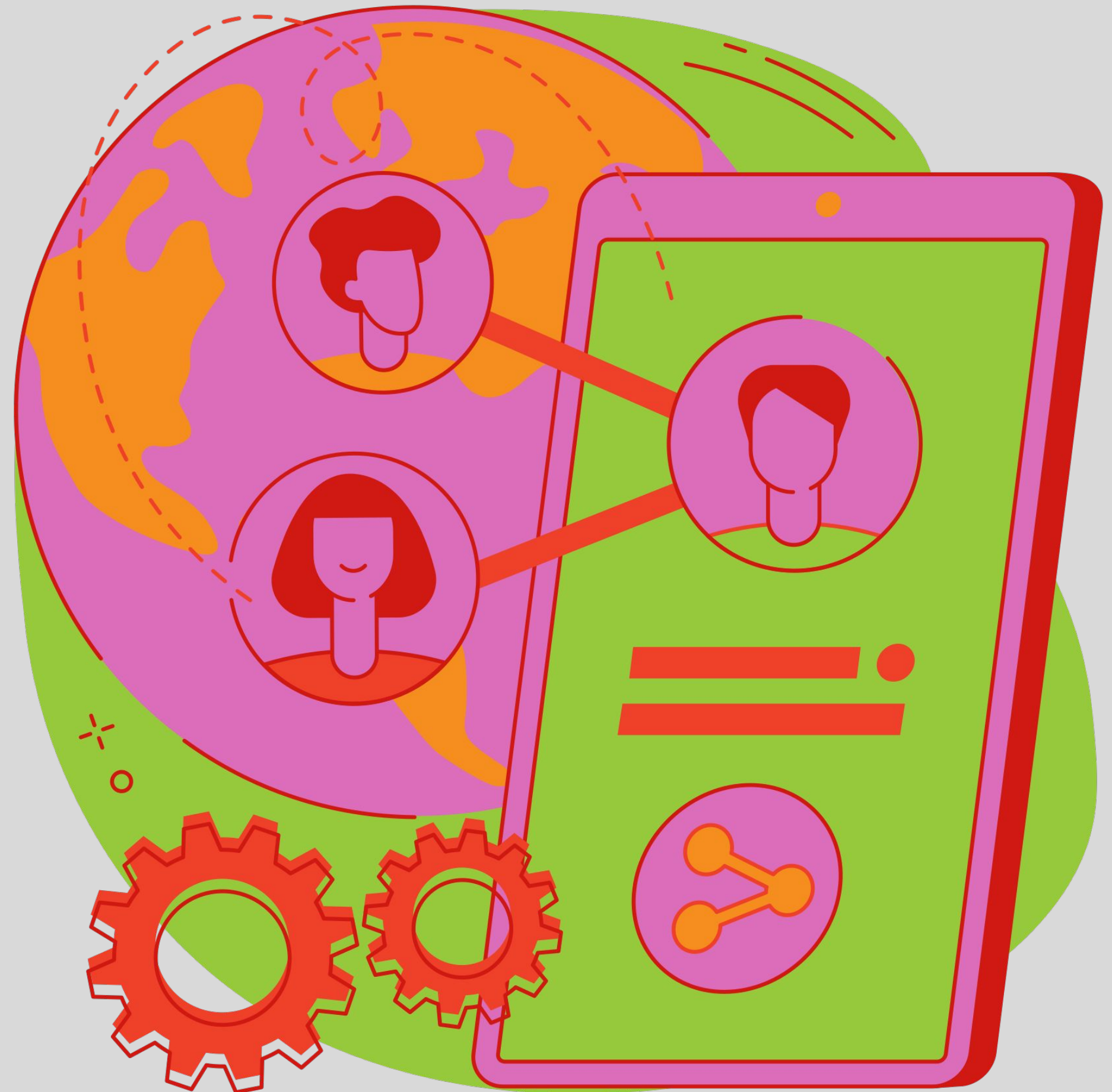


**Outstanding Environmental**  
**Educator in Informal or**  
**Non-formal Settings**

Brittne MacCleary,

Cooper Center for

Environmental Learning



# Outstanding Environmental Educator in P-12 Settings

Individuals who are distinguished within the field of environmental education in P-12 settings. This is defined as activities that have primarily occurred within formal classroom or school environments with students ranging from preschool to high school. Candidates have exceeded expectations, contributed to mentorship and service, engaged with diverse communities in an inclusive manner, and have actively engaged with their local communities.





**Outstanding Environmental  
Educator in P-12 Settings**

Katherine Studey,  
Maryland Elementary  
School





# Outstanding Environmental Educator in Higher Education

Candidates eligible for this award are individuals who are distinguished within the field of environmental education in higher education settings. Higher education is defined as activities that have primarily occurred within the context of an institution of higher education – these are community colleges, tribal colleges, universities, or other similar setting – and primarily work with college and university students.







**Outstanding Environmental  
Educator in Higher Education**

Bruce Johnson,  
University of  
Arizona





# Outstanding Inclusive Environmental Education Program

Candidates eligible for this award are distinguished individual programs within an organization that have contributed significantly to the education of environmental principles in an effective and inclusive manner.







# Outstanding Inclusive

# Environmental Education

## Program

Borderlands Earth Care Youth  
(BECY) Program, led by  
Jordan Sene





# Outstanding Nonprofit Organization Committed to Environmental Education

Candidates eligible for this award are nonprofit organizations (i.e. organizations categorized as 501(c)(3) organizations with the Internal Revenue Service) within the State of Arizona that contributed significantly to the education of environmental principles in an effective and inclusive manner.







**Outstanding Nonprofit**  
**Organization Committed to**  
**Environmental Education**

Willow Bend Environmental  
Education Center





# **Outstanding Governmental** **Agency Committed to** **Environmental Education**

**Candidates eligible for this award are governmental agencies within the State of Arizona that contributed significantly to the education of environmental principles in an effective and inclusive manner.**







**Outstanding Governmental**  
**Agency Committed to**  
**Environmental Education**

Flood Control District  
of Maricopa County





# **Outstanding School or College Committed to EE**

**Candidates eligible for this award are P-12 schools, colleges, and universities within the State of Arizona that contributed significantly to the education of environmental principles in an effective and inclusive manner.**







**Outstanding School or  
College Committed to EE**  
The AIR-Earth Grant  
Program at  
UArizona





ARIZONA  
ASSOCIATION FOR  
**ENVIRONMENTAL**  
EDUCATION

# Outstanding Business

## Committed to

# Environmental Education

Candidates eligible for this award are businesses that contributed significantly to the education of environmental principles effectively and inclusively.







# Outstanding Business

Committed to Environmental

Education

The Lookout





# Lifetime Achievement in Environmental Education

Candidates eligible for this award are those who have spent 20+ years in the environmental education field with the majority of their activities occurring within the State of Arizona.







# Lifetime Achievement in Environmental Education

Don Swann, Wildlife  
Biologist, Saguaro National  
Park





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**Thank you for all of your hard work  
and dedication to Environmental  
Education in Arizona!**

