

OUACHITA SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS

OSAF Awards for 2011
Presented at the Annual Meeting
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The Ouachita SAF awards program includes a total of ten distinct awards, all of which mirror similar awards at the SAF National level. For 2011, four of these awards were presented.

FORESTRY EDUCATOR AWARD

This award mirrors the National SAF's "Carl Alwin Schenck Award" and recognizes outstanding performance and achievement in the field of forestry education, including devotion to the instruction of forestry; setting high professional and educational standards for students; demonstration of outstanding service to professional education; and development of teaching methods that are characterized by imparting competent knowledge through dynamic communication skills and creative techniques. Dr. Rod Will, Oklahoma State University, is the 2011 Educator Award winner.



Dr. Rod Will, right, receives the Forestry Educator Award from Randy Holeman, OSAF Chair.

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP AWARD



Carroll Guffey, right, receives the Volunteer Leadership Award from Randy Holeman, OSAF Chair.

This award mirrors the National SAF's "John A. Beale Memorial Award", and recognizes outstanding efforts over a sustained period of time by an OSAF member in the promotion of forestry through voluntary service to the Society. Nominees must demonstrate a strong continuing commitment to volunteer work supporting the SAF and its members which furthers the cause of forestry. The 2011 recipient of the Volunteer Leadership Award is Carroll Guffey, University of Arkansas - Monticello.

YOUNG FORESTER LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award mirrors the National SAF's award of the same name, and recognizes outstanding leadership by a young forestry professional in the development and promotion of an individual program or project, and in an emerging leadership role benefitting the practice of forestry and SAF. Dereck Warren of Weyerhaeuser Company is the 2011 recipient of the Young Forester Leadership Award.



Dereck Warren, left, receives the Young Forester Leadership Award from Randy Holeman, OSAF Chair.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award mirrors the National SAF's "Gifford Pinchot Medal" and recognizes a full, solid, and meritorious career of outstanding contributions, exemplary actions, and diverse achievement by a forestry professional in the administration, practice, development, and advancement of forestry at the local, regional, and national level. With great pride, pleasure, and affection, we award Max Craighead, retired from Oklahoma State University, with the Ouachita SAF Lifetime Achievement Award for 2011.



Max Craighead, center, acknowledges his receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award. Tom Kuzmic is on the left and Randy Holeman is on the right.

Ouachita SAF Rotating Scholarship

We offer annually, a \$600 scholarship to one of our students in our two state societies. The University of Arkansas at Monticello gets this award in even years, and it goes to Oklahoma State in odd years. The criteria include outstanding scholastic achievement; demonstrated leadership and professional development; and involvement in their SAF Student Chapter, most certainly! Each year, we ask a committee of faculty at each school to select their recipient. This year, our scholarship recipient representing Oklahoma State University is Chris Griffith.

Three other individuals received **NATIONAL RECOGNITIONS** during the course of 2011.

Joe Friend of the Arkansas Division was elected as an SAF Fellow.

Joe is a past Chair of our Ouachita SAF and of the Arkansas Division, and works with the Arkansas Forestry Commission.

Tom Hennessey of the Oklahoma Division was selected as this year's recipient of SAF National's "Carl Alwin Schenck Award for Outstanding Forestry Education."

Tom also is a past Chair of the Ouachita SAF and is a member of the Forestry faculty at Oklahoma State.

Ed Hurliman of the Oklahoma Division was honored as District IX's Presidential Field Forester awardee.

Ed runs a very innovative and successful forestry consulting and timber management business out of Broken Bow, Oklahoma.