

American Technical Education Association

Awards Program 2023

ATEA Awards Chair, Brooks Jacobsen, Lake Area Technical College, Watertown, South Dakota

Outstanding Student Awards

Kuwaaupe "Julius" Morris, Western Dakota Technical College, Rapid City South Dakota

Joseph James Cirrito IV, Three Rivers Community College, Norwich, Connecticut

Outstanding Technical Teacher Award

Roger Haberman, Western Dakota Technical College, Rapid City, South Dakota

Outstanding Program

Practical Nursing, Western Dakota Technical College, Rapid City, South Dakota

Silver Star of Excellence Award

Jointly awarded by the American Technical Education Association and the National Technical Honor Society. Peyton Holland, Executive Director of the National Technical Honor Society presenting

"Chattanooga State TCAT Automotive Toolkit Initiative"

Accepting, Brad Cobb, Bowers Automotive Group, Jim Meyer, Crown Automotive Group, Eddie Triplett, Capital Toyota/Lexus of Chattanooga, Brent Morgan, Integrity Automotive Group, Clay Watson, Mountain View Automotive Group, Dan Baird, Sonic Automotive Group, Bill Strout, Acura

Nominated by- Tim Chastain, Collision Repair instructor, Chattanooga State College TCAT. Endorsed by Dr. James Barrott, EVP Chattanooga State College TCAT

Jean Koch Outstanding Technical Education Award 2023

Presented by James King, Jean Koch recipient 2019, past ATEA President and serves on the ATEA Past Presidents Council. Former Vice Chancellor Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology and President of Northeast Community College, Tennessee

Sue Griffin Smith

Jean Koch award purpose and Sue Griffin Smith's accomplishments reverse

Closing with ATEA 3 D Futures announcements, Dr. Bryan Albrecht, ATEA Past President

Jean Koch Technical Education Achievement Award

2023

Sue Griffin Smith

The Jean Koch Award recognizes an individual who has made the highest meritorious contributions to the improvement, promotion, development, and progress of postsecondary technical education and ATEA. The award is presented to an individual who has made contributions or achieved prominence in technical education at the local, state, and national levels. To be eligible, a person must be currently in the field of postsecondary education or have spent a significant amount of time and energy in support of technical education as an administrator or an industry representative.

Sue has achieved this level with her work in Indiana with Ivy Tech Community College serving as Vice President of Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering and Applied Sciences, leading that division in the 19 campuses. She has authored Department of Labor Grant *Industrial Internet of Things Apprenticeship Expansion (IIoTAE)* with ATEA as a dissemination partner. The program developed the Smart Manufacturing—Digital Integration associates degree with SACA certificates. She is active with the National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers, National Council of Workforce Education, and a frequent presenter at the AACC Workforce Development Institute.

Sue has served as the ATEA Board of Trustee President from 2019-2021, Chaired two national conferences hosted in Indianapolis, 2015-2019. She has chaired three ATEA virtual national conferences, 2020,2021 and 2022. Her innovation at ATEA has included the 8 Sector focus which threaded cybersecurity through the sectors at the 2021 conference and artificial intelligence through the 2022 conference.

She actively supports ATEA's Best Practice Calls on manufacturing and builds relationships among colleges to share best practice, most recently Land of Lincoln with Ivy Tech on EV and Battery programs and Chip Manufacturing with Hudson Valley Community College and Ivy Tech Community College.

She creates and maintains positive relationships with technical education business partners and is held in high regard for her integrity and collaborative innovation.

Sue Smith has continued to lead as the Immediate Past President of ATEA 2021-2023 and will become a member of the Past Presidents Council who recommend ATEA line of succession vice presidents. She fosters career growth in her faculty and staff and those in technical education in nationally for the benefit of the American technical workforce and businesses.

