

2009 Excellence in Conservation & Environmental Education Awards Celebration

April 3, 2009

Kansas History Museum—Topeka, KS

6:30-10:00pm

Honorary Chairs for the Evening are Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Adrian and Kris Polansky



Every year, educators from across Kansas demonstrate leadership and excellence in providing quality, hands-on, science-based conservation and environmental education that teaches our children about the richness, diversity and importance of our Kansas natural resources. Please join us in recognizing those who make a difference for Kansas and our children.

Please join us to celebrate those who best exemplify dedication, commitment, and influence in the field of conservation and environmental education. Your support of this event also helps insure that KACEE can continue to support these and other environmental educators in Kansas. You can participate in a variety of ways:

- Attend the Celebration and bring your friends and colleagues (sponsor a table!)
- Become an event sponsor
- Donate auction items
- Donate a service (i.e. bartending, table service)



Awards, food, drinks,
auction, and more!

Auction Items

- Sporting Event Tickets
- Unique handmade crafts
- Camping and outdoor equipment
- Weekend get-away trips
- Artwork from Kansas artists

AND MORE!

Pay for your auction items with cash, check or credit card!

Excellence in Conservation & Environmental Education Awards Celebration Events:

6:30pm	Doors Open
6:30-10:00pm	Cocktails & Buffet-style Hors d' Oeuvres
7:00pm	Silent Auction Begins
7:30pm	Awards Presentations/Keynote
8pm	Live Auction Begins
9:00pm	Silent Auction Ends
9:30-10:00pm	Music and Mingling

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Rex Buchanan grew up near Little River, in Rice County, Kansas, on the edge of the Smoky Hills. He has an undergraduate degree from Kansas Wesleyan University and graduate degrees from the University Kansas Geological Survey, based at the University of Kansas, since 1978, and is currently the Deputy Director. He is the co-author of *Roadside Kansas: A Guide to Its Geology and Landmarks* (1987) and editor of *Kansas Geology: An Introduction to Landscapes, Rocks, Minerals, and Fossils* (1984), both published by the

University Press of Kansas; co-author of *The Canyon Revisited: A Rephotography of the Grand Canyon, 1923-1991*, published by the University of Utah Press (1994); co-editor of *Geowriting*, published by the American Geological Institute (1995); and co-compiler of *Kansas Groundwater*, published by the Kansas Geological Survey (1993). He has been the president of the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education, the Kansas Academy of Science, and the Association of Earth Science Educators. In 2008, he was named a Fellow of the Geological Society of America.

Adrian J. Polansky was appointed secretary of the Kansas Department of Agriculture by Governor Kathleen Sebelius in February 2003. Polansky brings a lifetime of agriculture experience to the Governor's Cabinet. He owns Polansky Farms and Polansky Seed, both in Belleville. Until 2001, he served as state executive director of the Kansas Farm Service Agency. Earlier in his career, he served as president of the Republic County Farmers Union and policy chairman of the Kansas Farmers Union. He is a lifelong Kansan who graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor of science degree in agronomy.

Kris Polansky is a true Western Kansan, growing up on a wheat farm in Logan County and graduating from Oakley High School. She received a bachelor of science degree in education from the University of Kansas, taught for ten years, then decided to go to Washburn University Law School when her son was a preschooler. She is now enjoying her expanded family, travels with Adrian, and the vocation she has never put aside: writing. She has won a number of awards in recent years from the Kansas Authors Club, mainly for her poetry. The couple married in 2003 and lives in Topeka. They have three grown children and four grandsons.



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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2009 Excellence in Conservation & Environmental
Education Awards Celebration

April 3, 2009

Kansas History Museum
6425 SW 6th Avenue - Topeka, KS

Featured Speaker - Rex Buchanan, Kansas Geological Survey



Here is How I Want to Help Support Excellence in Environmental Education in Kansas:



- Awards Celebration Event Sponsor \$1000.00
(includes a table for 8)
- Table Sponsor (8 people) \$300.00
- Event Ticket(s) (\$40/person) _____ # of tickets
- Donation of Auction Item (list below)
- Contribution \$ _____
- Donation of Service: (please describe)

Payment Enclosed

Please Invoice Me

Name: _____

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Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Yes, I want to donate an Auction Item!

Item: _____

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I will:

- Send my item(s) to KACEE, c/o Jolene Amtower, 2610 Claflin Road, Manhattan, KS 66502
- Contact KACEE at 785-532-1902 to make arrangements to have the item picked up
- Bring my item with me to the Kansas Museum of History in Topeka on April 3, 2009
- Please send me a letter acknowledging my tax-deductible donation

PLEASE RETURN FORM BY E-MAIL (jamtower@kacee.org), FAX (785-532-3305), OR MAIL
BY MARCH 20, 2009

For more information, contact Laura Downey at
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Your sponsorship & auction item donations are tax-deductible. \$20 of your ticket is tax-deductible.
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2009 Excellence in Conservation & Environmental Education Awards

Strickler Award: Rex Buchanan, Kansas Geological Survey

KACEE Awards:

PreK-16 Education:

Tim Oberhelman, Olathe South High School

Denise Scribner and Marylee Ramsay, Goddard High School

Government:

Kansas Environmental Leadership Program (KELP)

Agriculture:

Roberta Spencer, Jackson County Conservation District

Community/Non-Profit:

Jim Mason, Great Plains Nature Center

Rising Star Award:

Katie Miller, Twin Lakes WRAPS

Kansas Green School of the Year Awards:

Starside Elementary School, DeSoto USD 232

Buhler High School, USD 313

Wyandotte High School, Kansas City Kansas USD 500

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