



Cherri Brinley Space Science Educator Award Nomination Criteria

Space Center Houston created the Cherri Brinley Space Center Educator Award in 2009 to celebrate educators with the same drive and spirit as Ms. Brinley. The winner is announced at the Space Exploration Educators Conference banquet held annually in February.

A nomination should be in the form of a brief paragraph that includes the following information and is emailed to SEEC@spacecenter.org in January. Unfortunately late nominations are unable to be accepted.

- Nominator's name and contact information
- The name of the nominee and his or her contact information
- Number of years nominee has attended SEEC
- What about the nominee inspires other educators to excel in the classroom
- How the nominee inspires students
- How the nominee uses space science in the classroom
- Accomplishments/awards the nominee has received
- Additional information that shows how special this nominee is
- The nominee must be in attendance at the conference

History of the Award

The first award was given in 2009 after cancer took the life of Ms. Brinley in 2008. Ms. Brinley was an outstanding educator who shared her passion for space science with a multitude of educators and students. Her infectious spirit encouraged those around her to do their personal best and strive for greatness. Ms. Brinley always looked for ways to inspire her students and fellow teachers. Her groups of students, affectionately known as the "Nerd Herd," were allowed to become the teachers and lead others during sessions. She maintained the same positive outlook and spirit throughout her fight with cancer.

Cherri attended the Space Exploration Educators Conference for 14 years, as well as many other Space Center Houston educational events.

Award Winners

2015 – Angelo Casaburri, Houston, Texas, USA

2014 – Dave Schlichting, Centennial, Colorado, USA
2013 – Martin Demel, Killeen, Texas, USA
2012 – Brian Jackson, Canada
2011 – Maureen Adams, Killeen, Texas, USA
2010 – Brian Ewenson, Canada
2009 – Sister Alma Messing, Chicago, Illinois, USA