

OASPA & OAEE are committed to recognizing outstanding professionals in our field and have established the following awards:

Hazel Brown and Bill Hunter Awards

AWARD HISTORY

Beginning in 1982, after the retirement of Hazel Brown from the Ohio State University College of Education as Assistant Director of Placement, OASPA and OASCUS (Ohio Association of Schools, Colleges, and University Staffing) established the Hazel Brown Awards to recognize a member of each other's organization who had contributed greatly to the the profession. OASPA members selected the OASCUS winner and OASCUS selected the OASPA winner.

After the death of Bill Hunter, the OASPA award was renamed the William Hunter Award in his honor and each organization selected the recipient from among its own membership.

Profile of Hazel Brown

The Hazel Brown Award was named in the early 1980's for Hazel Weatherly Brown who was a faculty member and Assistant Director of Education Career Services at the Ohio State University from 1951 to 1981. The award was created to honor someone who has excelled in serving education students.

Hazel was exceptionally active in the national association, ASCUS (Association of School, College, and University Staffing, Inc.) which later became AAEE. Because of her national involvement, she and a few others in Ohio founded Ohio ASCUS. Soon after Ohio ASCUS, she was instrumental in founding Great Lakes ASCUS, which covers a seven-state area. She faithfully attended these conferences and provided her personal style of leadership to all of these organizations.

Anyone who knew Hazel would remember her high-spirited laughter, her phenomenal Southern-belle receptions before the evening banquets, and her love of working with students and employers from Ohio and across the country.

Hazel passed away from complications of a stroke in the spring of 2002. This award continues to be an honor to her memory and her prominence in the creation of these associations.

The Hazel Brown Award is presented at the fall conference to a person from the career development field at Ohio colleges and universities who meets the following criteria:

1. Is an active member of OAEE
2. Promotes the goals and mission of the organization
3. Supports the advancement of the career field.

Profile of William L. Hunter

Bill Hunter retired in June 1995 as Executive Director of Human Resources for Canton City Schools and passed away at his home on April 4, 1996. Bill graduated from Central State University and received his Masters from Kent State University. During his professional career, Bill was a teacher, principal (Canton's first black principal), and Executive Director of Personnel.

In addition to his public school career, Bill was a great supporter and chair of the Pro-Football Hall of Fame Festival, a 16-year veteran of Canton's Civil Service Commission, and a 30-year member of Canton's Urban League.

Bill served as Region II Representative for AASPA. He was known for his professionalism, his warmth and his sense of humor. He was also instrumental in establishing the Ohio Minority Recruiting Consortium that continues as one of the model projects in the United States.

The Bill Hunter Award is presented at the fall conference to an administrator who meets the following criteria:

1. A highly successful administrator who is commonly acknowledged in his/her district and beyond as such.
2. Has made a significant contribution to the Association.
3. Has made a significant contribution to improving school personnel work in his/her district and/or beyond.
4. Who is a) actively involved in school personnel administration, b) a former school personnel administrator who has taken another position in education, or c) a retired school personnel administrator.

Previous Awards Winners

Bill Hunter Award

2013	Aura Norris Perrysburg Schools
2012	Suzanne Burkholder OASPA Executive Director
2011	Michelle Means-Walker Great Oaks Institute of Technology
2010	Doug Behnke Delaware City Schools
2009	David Burneson Orange City Schools
2008	John Abegglen (posthumously) West Clermont Local Schools
2007	David Greenberg Lakota Local Schools
2006	Beverly Broestl Montgomery County ESC
2005	Terry Swearingen Stow-Monroe Falls School District
2004	Richard Jenkins East Cleveland City Schools
2003	David Mancini Gahanna-Jefferson City Schools
2002	Lowell T. Smith Ashland University/Mansfield City Schools
2001	Sarah C. Sweeney Parma City Schools
2000	Janet Kearney, Ph.D. Columbus City Schools

Hazel Brown Award

2013	Gerri Jenkins Ursuline College
2012	Jean Wyer The Ohio State University
2011	Hilles Hughes Marietta College
2010	Doug Reichenberger Malone University
2009	Gail Whitaker Wright State University
2008	Sharon Moss Cleveland State University
2007	Andrea Domachowski Bowling Green State University
2006	Gail Whitaker Wright State University
2005	Jeanne Mauriocrat Ashland University
2004	Gerald Yearwood Miami University
2003	Ardyth Stull Mt. Vernon Nazarene University
2002	Lisa Wiseman Ohio University
2001	Carla D. Owens Kent State University
2000	Shelly Waltonen-Moore University of Akron

1999 Bill Trost
Shaker Heights City Schools

1998 David Weekley
West Carrollton City Schools

1997 Fred Gissendaner
Akron City Schools

OASPA

1996 Don Clement
Cleveland Public Schools

1995 Bill Hunter
Canton City Schools

1994 Constance Conaway
Scioto-Darby City Schools

1993 Robert Conley
Toledo City Schools

1992 Kenneth Dirr
Northwest Local School District

1991 John Gunyula
Kent City Schools

1990 Bill Mason
Newark City Schools

1989 Peter Loehr
Lorain City Schools

1988 Ray Cutten
Shaker Heights City Schools

1987 Suzanne Burkholder, Ph.D
South-Western City Schools

1986 Bill Larkins
Orange City Schools

1985 Gerald Kingsmore

1999 Eric Fulcomer
Bluffton College

1998 Charlene Walker
Ashland University

1997 Carole L. Thomas
Defiance College

OASCUS

1996 Susan Cox
Wright State University

1995 Carole L. Thomas
Defiance College

1994 Elizabeth Wallencheck
Ohio University

1993 Carolyn Learned
Defiance College

1992 Bobbi Frey
Ohio University

1991 David Gaffner
Cedarville College

1990 Pat Hayes
The Ohio State University

1989 John Scanlan
Cleveland State University

1988 Bob Shearer
Miami University

1987 Peg Thomas
Rio Grande College

1986 BJ Bryant
The Ohio State University

1985 Jerry Richardson

South-Western City Schools

- 1984 Forrest Orebaugh
Cincinnati Public Schools
- 1983 Darrell Bostick
South-Western City Schools
- 1982 Robert Morris
Shaker Heights City Schools

Bowling Green State University

- 1984 Rebecca Skeen
Muskingum College
- 1983 Florence Lehman
Bowling Green State University
- 1982 James Galloway
Bowling Green State University