ASSOCIATION OF TEACHER EDUCATORS

Duaine C. Lang Distinguished Mentoring Award

Sponsored by the Duaine C. Lang Mentoring Fund

Award Description

The **Duaine C. Lang Distinguished Mentoring Award**, sponsored by the Leadership Foundation for Teacher Education (LFTE), honors individuals who exemplify the spirit of mentorship within ATE. This award recognizes ATE members whose guidance, encouragement, and support have significantly influenced protégés, fostering leadership, professional growth, and long-term involvement in the Association of Teacher Educators. The award includes a plaque for the recipient and a donation made in their name to their state/regional ATE unit. The recipient may designate which affiliate to receive the donation. If no such unit exists, the donation will be directed to the ATE Leadership Academy.

Award History

Duaine C. Lang was a lifelong leader and mentor within ATE, having served as **President of ATE (1974–75)** and as a driving force behind the creation of the Leadership Foundation for Teacher Education (LFTE). He was named a Distinguished Member of ATE and received Presidential Service Awards in 1985, 1988, and 1995. At conferences, he was a constant presence—whether running raffles, maintaining records, or mentoring doctoral students, affectionately known as the Roadrunners, at Indiana University Bloomington.

Lang's mentorship shaped the careers of many teacher educators, including four future ATE Presidents: Peggy Elliott, Jan Towslee, Shirley Robards, and Tom Buttery. His protégés also went on to serve as Board members, committee chairs, and leaders across the Association. Originally from Nebraska, Lang spent most of his career at Indiana University, after teaching at Butler University in Indianapolis. His deep commitment to ATE extended to his family, with his children and grandchildren often joining him at ATE Summer Conferences.

Eligibility and Expectations

- Nominees must be **current members of ATE**.
- Nominations are submitted by **protégés**, who must provide a letter describing why their mentor should be honored.
- One additional **letter of support** is required.
- Award recipients receive:
    - A **plaque** recognizing their contributions
    - A **donation** in their name to their state/regional ATE unit (or, if no unit exists, to the ATE Leadership Academy)
- Recipients are expected to:
    - **Register for and attend** the ATE Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet during the year they are honored

Nomination and Application Process

A complete nomination must include:

1. Letter of Nomination from a protégé (detailing the impact of the mentor's guidance)
2. One additional letter of support

Review Process

The **LFTE Advisory Council** is responsible for reviewing all nominations and selecting the award recipient.

Timeline and Notification

- **Submission Deadline**: September 15 at 11:59 PM (EST)
- **Notification of Award**: Mid November

How to Apply

- **Submit application material through the awards submission linked below:**
  Awards Submission Form

Questions

Email inquiries to: **info@ate1.org**