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SAUK CITY; WIS. – The NAAE Outstanding Service Citation is directed to an individual who contributes to the overall success of NAAE. It recognizes current and retired NAAE members who have made significant contributions to agricultural education at the state, regional, and national levels. This year's NAAE Outstanding Service Citation was awarded to Roger King, of the Holmen School District, at the 2021 WAAE Professional Development Conference held in La Crosse, WI.

To tell this man something just simply can't happen in an agriculture classroom. Within minutes he will come up with three different options, have them be inquiry based, and certainly will make you wonder how he did it. This award is directed to an individual who contributes to the overall success of NAAE. It recognizes current and retired NAAE members who have made significant contributions to agricultural education at the state, regional, and national levels.

Roger's impact has certainly been felt, not just in Holmen, and not just in our state. His tireless dedication to the ag profession is something we should emulate. From the start of his career, Roger has been fully engaged in his profession at the local, state and national level. While some may settle with "going with the flow,"

Roger always continued to find innovative ways to teach agriculture. One such way was in 2003 when Roger participated in the first NAAE Agriscience Teacher Ambassador Academy. But his impact didn't end in his own school after this program. Roger has continued to share his knowledge and wisdom through official NAAE Professional Development Programs and has hosted numerous state and national level workshops because he wants to prove that every teacher can make a difference with hands-on instruction.

Those who know Roger, know that he is an open book and will share anything and everything with you. If you are a teacher struggling with how to enhance your teaching in a particular subject area, he will load up totes full of goodies and help show you how to enhance your teaching practices.

Aside from his work with professional development, King has been active in our state and national associations by serving on numerous committees, sometimes serving in leadership roles. He is a firm believer that our professional organizations are our responsibility to maintain and encourage others to get involved. There is something to be said about the advice of an old wise owl, and plenty of members of this organization, both state and nationally, look to Roger's opinions and guidance.

Mr. King will baffle you with his ability to think of a creative way to teach a lesson, force you to ask the question "why," and most importantly, show us all we are valued as educators. All of these qualities and more make Roger King the perfect choice for our Outstanding Service Citation recipient. Roger has been selected as the Region III winner and will represent the region at the NAAE Convention in New Orleans in December.

WAAE is the professional association for agricultural educators in Wisconsin. Members include 410 middle school, high school, technical college and university educators. The focus of the association is to provide professional development, legislative support and educational resources for teachers to enhance their local agriculture education programs.

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