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Appalachian Laboratory Inspiration Award

About the Award:

In celebration of the Appalachian Laboratory's 60th anniversary in 2022, the Appalachian Laboratory Inspiration Award was established to recognize those in our regional community who inspire future generations by engaging in activities to promote and advance science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in our region. The award is presented annually at a spring ceremony.

Required Nomination Materials:

- ☐ Online nomination form
- ☐ At least one letter of support from a community partner, participant, or someone else able to speak to the nominee's STEM activities and eligibility for the award. Letters of support are of particular interest to the selection committee.
- ☐ Other supporting documentation such as program/event flyers, photos, news articles, or other materials that support your nomination.

Nomination Process:

The nomination period is open from November to December. To nominate an individual or organization, complete an online nomination form at www.umces.edu/al/inspiration-award.

Eligibility:

- ☐ Both individuals and organizations (private, public, or non-governmental) are eligible.
- ☐ Nominees must be engaged in or supporting programming in the Laboratory's defined region, which includes western Maryland and surrounding areas in Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Please visit our website for specific counties: www.umces.edu/al/inspiration-award

Award Contact:

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Past Winners:

2025– Michael “Mick” Burkett (Bishop Walsh School)

2024– Team 1629 Garrett Coalition (GaCo)

2023– Robotics and Engineering in Allegany County Together (REACT)

