



Dr. Tom Keller Recognized as the 2021 C.J. Evans Award Recipient

Council of State Science Supervisors and Texas Instruments

At the annual meeting of the national Council of State Science Supervisors (CS3), Dr. Tom Keller of STEM Education Strategies LLC, based in Newcastle, Maine, was awarded the prestigious C.J. Evans Award. This award, sponsored by Texas Instruments, is given each year to the person who has provided outstanding service to the field and organization. Texas Instruments named this award for the long-time treasurer of CS3, C.J. Evans, who also served as the state science supervisor from Missouri for many years.

The award recipient is determined by the Board of CS3 and Dr. Keller was given the award by the president, Dr. Kevin Anderson of Wisconsin. Participating in the award ceremony were Shari Templeton of Maine, Dr. Ellen Ebert of Washington, Tiffany Neil of Oklahoma and Dr. Stephen Pruitt, former member from Georgia.

The awarding of this honor was due to Dr. Keller's steadfast support of new members to the organization and continual willingness to assist the president and board. A recent notable innovation was his development and implementation of a monthly series of virtual meetings particularly for new members, focusing on topics such as working with legislative policymakers and standards for professional development. He is a former president and treasurer of the organization and served as state science supervisor in Maine for 18 years.

The Council of State Science Supervisors is comprised largely of those employees of the Departments of Education of all states or territories of the United States of America, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, who have been designated by their chief state school officer as having statewide science education as their primary responsibility. The Council serves as the voice and vision of science education for the states.