

Local Teacher Earns State Agriculture Award

(KNZA)--An Atchison County teacher has been recognized for instilling a passion for learning about agriculture within her students.

Atchison County Community Elementary School teacher Wanda Small was recently named as the 2018 Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year by the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom.

The Foundation honors one teacher annually who has successfully integrated agricultural education into his or her pre-existing curriculum.

Small teaches Project-Based STEAM Learning classes at ACCES. She uses agriculture as an anchor for the classes, which reach more than 150 students.

Small credits the school's administration and the greater community for their support and "all-in" approach to the success of her program.

Small was also one of ten national winners to receive the 2017 Henry Ford Innovative Teacher award.

Small will be recognized during the 2017 KFAC Annual Meeting November 16th in Manhattan, and will receive an all-expense paid trip to the 2018 National Agriculture in the Classroom conference to be held in Portland, Maine.

Small will also be considered for the 2018 National Excellence in Teaching About Agriculture award, presented by the National Agriculture in the Classroom organization.

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