

MICHIGAN SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

ADVOCACY AWARDS 2009

Each year the active board members of the Michigan Society for Medical Research carry out the annual search for nominees for our education and advocacy awards, supporting efforts by professionals and community groups to educate the public about the values and practices of the medical sciences.



Seymour Gordon

THE SEYMOUR GORDON SCIENCE EDUCATION & ADVOCACY AWARD

In 1993, the Board of Directors of the Michigan Society for Medical Research established the Science Education Award to recognize individuals who were instrumental in developing, implementing, or contributing to programs that promote science and science education.

The Science Education Award has been renamed The Seymour Gordon Science Education & Advocacy Award to honor our fifth president, Seymour Gordon, MD. He performed the first cardiac catheterization at Beaumont Hospital, where he and his partner, Dr. Gerald C. Timmis, were Chiefs of Cardiology. Dr. Gordon was also active with United Way, and served as a past President of the Michigan Chapter of the American Heart Association. His commitment to the Michigan Society for Medical Research mission spanned over 20 years as a volunteer, board member, president, and ex officio board member.

The Seymour Gordon Science Education & Advocacy Award is given to a Michigan resident whose outstanding achievements in promoting greater public knowledge and support of science and scientific research help to fulfill the Michigan Society for Medical Research mission.



2009 Recipient

Shirley K. Wroblewski, BS, LVT

Ms. Wroblewski has worked at the University of Michigan as a research associate for 20 years. She has trained and mentored numerous undergraduates, medical students, and international researchers that have expressed an interest in learning the numerous animal models that have been developed with her expertise. For the past 10 years, Ms. Wroblewski has been instrumental in organizing and conducting eye and heart dissections labs for grade school students. She is an active volunteer and supporter of MISMR's goals to promote science, science education, and the benefits of biomedical research.

Past Advocacy Award Recipients

The Seymour Gordon Science Education & Advocacy Award

2008 Jack A. Bley, Jr., DVM
Kalamazoo Valley Community College

2007 Vet-A-Visit Program
Michigan State University

2006 Joseph C. Dunbar, PhD
Wayne State University

2005 Bruce Kocher, EdD
Kalamazoo Valley Community College

2004 Merlin E. Ekstrom, DVM, MS, DACVP
Wayne State University

2003 Inez M. Jill Karolyi, MS, LATG
University of Michigan

2002 Mary Oriold Dereski, PhD
Wayne State University

2001 Donna Benedict
Teacher, Chippewa Middle School

1999 Juliann E. Lyon
Teacher, South Lyon Middle School

1997 Michael J. Graziano, PhD, DABT
Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Research

1995 Carol Kammernam
Teacher, Kalamazoo

1994 Chuck Pearson
Teacher, Millwood Middle School,
Kalamazoo

1993 John Goudie, PhD
Kalamazoo, Math & Science Center



Jack A. Bley, Jr. '08