



AACT Stroud Jordan award to Pam Gesford

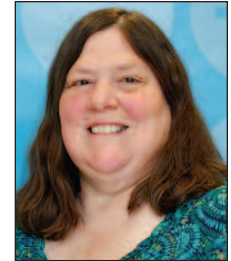
Pam Gesford will receive the 2017 Stroud Jordan award from the American Association of Candy Technologists. The award will be presented at a banquet on Tuesday, October 3, in Oak Brook, Illinois, during the National Technical Seminar.

Gesford is staff scientist, food research & technology (refreshments) at the Hershey Company. Prior roles include senior consultant at Knechtel, technology manager at Perfetti Van Melle, tech service manager at ColorCon, R&D manager at Jelly Belly and various product development roles at Hershey.

Throughout her career, Gesford has been involved in education within the industry. She has been active both in the Philadelphia chapter of AACT and the National AACT, serving as a councilor at large from 2008 through 2010. She has long been a member of PMCA and served on both the Program Committee and the Back to Basics subcommittees, as well as leading a PMCA panning course twice. She also chaired the IFT Keystone chapter.

Teaching is a passion to Gesford, and she has taught panning and coloring at the NCA Panning

Short Course, the NCA Resident Course, the NCA Novel Colors and Coatings course, NCA Gum Course, the Soft and Hard Panning course at Triton College, and the PMCA panning course. In addition, Gesford has spoken at AACT, IFT, PMCA and the University of California – Davis Food Science Club.



Pam Gesford

Through presenting on various topics at PMCA and AACT, Gesford's work has been published in the *Manufacturing Confectioner* and in PMCA's *Back to Basics* book.

Gesford often assists in PMCA's candymaking presentations. She also shares her enthusiasm with the next generation of food scientists as a mentor with Purdue University's Food Analysis Program, volunteering at her local school's science night to teach about natural colors and added sugars, and demonstrating the basics of chocolate tempering and candy-making with the Missionettes, an organization similar to the Girl Scouts.

Past recipients of the Stroud Jordan award

2016 Randy Hofberger
2015 Marlene Stauffer
2014 Michael Allured
2013 Bob Huzinec
2012 Rich Hartel, PhD
2011 Terry Richardson
2010 Robert Boutin
2009 Judy Cooley
2008 John Urbanski
2007 Ed Wilson
2006 Paul Richards
2005 Ed Minson
2004 Tim J. Murphy
2003 Ron Bixler
2002 Reg Ohlson
2001 Melvin O. Warnecke
2000 Ed Seguine

1999 Jack Collins
1998 James McGovern
1997 Richard Schier
1996 Reg Groves
1995 Joachim (Joe) H. von Elbe
1994 Carl O. Moore
1993 Allen R. Allured
1992 Patrick J. Huffman
1991 Walter Vink
1990 Patrick Hurley
1989 Maurice Jeffery
1988 John Kitt
1987 Odvar Solstad
1986 William N. Duck
1985 no recipient
1984 George Jenkins

1983 George Richardson
1982 Silvio Crespo
1981 Bernard Minifie
1980 Donald Mitchell
1979 John A. Kooreman
1978 Robert P. Allen
1977 Bart Siebers
1976 Lloyd Latten
1975 Gerald Doolin
1974 Horton Corwin
1973 Simon O. Schnitzer
1972 Fred Janssen
1971 Elwood W. Meyers
1970 Gordon R. Maybee
1969 L. Russell Cook
1968 Herbert Knechtel

1967 Jay C. Musser
1966 Rodney Welch
1965 John W. Vassos
1964 Prudence W. Allured
1963 Archie B. Cramer
1962 W. Tresper Clarke
1961 Samuel F. Hinkle
1960 Katheryn E. Langwill
1959 Otto H. Windt
1958 Horace B. Cosler
1957 Norman W. Kempf
1956 John M. Krno
1955 C. Rudolph Kroeckel
1954 Justin J. Alikonis
1953 Hans F. Dresel
1952 James P. Booker
1951 James A. King