



AACT Stroud Jordan award to Gwen Evenstad

Gwen Evenstad has been selected to receive the 2018 Stroud Jordan award from the American Association of Candy Technologists. The award will be presented at a banquet on Tuesday, October 2, in Oak Brook, Illinois, during the National Technical Seminar.

Evenstad is the R&D and regulatory compliance manager at Sweet Candy Company, where she started as QA manager in 2001. Her responsibilities include research and development, product development, process optimization and food labeling.

Prior to joining Sweet Candy Company, Evenstad worked in various technical positions at Horizon Snack Foods, Sunsweet Growers and Gourmet Valley Foods. She has consulted for companies to improve accuracy and identify attributes to highlight on product packaging.

Evenstad has demonstrated her commitment to promoting both the industry overall, and education within the industry. In 2005, Evenstad founded the AACT Rocky Mountain chapter, which has become a large and successful organization. Each year, AACT Rocky Mountain partners with the local IFT chapter

to promote confectionery and food technology at the Utah Food Expo. She has served on the National AACT Council as Long Range Planning Committee chair and as part of the Program Committee. In those roles she has facilitated programming efforts with other organizations including National Confectioners Association, PMCA and Retail Confectioners International. She has been active in leadership roles for both the local and national IFT since 1986.

Evenstad regularly engages with young people in the industry. She developed a course at Utah Valley University titled “Exploring the Wonderful and Tasty World of Confectionery Science,” which she has presented for the past four years. She also served as a mentor in PMCA’s Student Outreach program for three years.

This award is given in honor of Stroud Jordan to recognize individuals who have provided exceptional and outstanding service to the confectionery industry.



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2017 Pam Gesford	<i>Past recipients of the Stroud Jordan award</i>	1967 Jay C. Musser
2016 Randy Hoffberger	1999 Jack Collins	1966 Rodney Welch
2015 Marleen Stauffer	1998 James McGovern	1965 John W. Vassos
2014 Michael Allured	1997 Richard Schier	1964 Prudence W. Allured
2013 Bob Huzinec	1996 Reg Groves	1963 Archie B. Cramer
2012 Rich Hartel, PhD	1995 Joachim (Joe) H. von Elbe	1962 W. Tresper Clarke
2011 Terry Richardson	1994 Carl O. Moore	1961 Samuel F. Hinkle
2010 Robert Boutin	1993 Allen R. Allured	1960 Kathryn E. Langwill
2009 Judy Cooley	1992 Patrick J. Huffman	1959 Otto H. Windt
2008 John Urbanski	1991 Walter Vink	1958 Horace B. Cosler
2007 Ed Wilson	1990 Patrick Hurley	1957 Norman W. Kempf
2006 Paul Richards	1989 Maurice Jeffery	1956 John M. Krno
2005 Ed Minson	1988 John Kitt	1955 C. Rudolph Kroeckel
2004 Tim J. Murphy	1987 Odvar Solstad	1954 Justin J. Alikonis
2003 Ron Bixler	1986 William N. Duck	1953 Hans F. Dresel
2002 Reg Ohlson	1985 no recipient	1952 James P. Booker
2001 Melvin O. Warnecke	1984 George Jenkins	1951 James A. King
2000 Ed Seguire		1968 Herbert Knechtel