**DR. EVERT BROWN WINS NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AWARD**

CASPER, WY, October 22, 2016 — Dr. Evert Brown, founder of the Casper Mountain Science School (CMSS), was recently recognized by the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE), a leader in environmental education, as the recipient of one of NAAEE’s hallmark annual awards recognizing leadership in the field. At a special awards reception during NAAEE’s 45th Annual Conference in Madison, Wis., Brown received The Higher Education Educator of the Year Award for his efforts in promoting environmental education and utilizing the environment as a context for learning in his teaching.

A collaboration between Casper College and Natrona County School District (NCSD), Casper Mountain Science School began in 2010, bringing grade-school students to CMSS during the school year. Since 2010, over 5,000 local students have participated in multi-day and one-day programs. AmeriCorps interns trained by Dr. Brown and an NCSD colleague teach field programs at CMSS, providing over 32,000 hours of service teaching. Dr. Brown also teaches college field courses at CMSS, such as Winter Ecology and Life Science for Teachers. Through CMSS, over 70 Casper College students in life sciences and education have gained field-teaching experience as part of their coursework. Dr. Brown’s commitment to providing experiential environmental education to students, training teachers in EE curricula, and training new environmental educators has resulted in a major increase in EE in Wyoming.

"For more than four decades, NAAEE has promoted excellence and impact in environmental education thanks to the determined efforts of our members, supporters, and affiliate organizations," said Judy Braus, Executive Director. “Our award winners are truly inspirational educators and organizations across North America that exemplify the best in our field, showcasing multiple disciplines, approaches, and perspectives--from classroom to community to research--all working toward a more just and sustainable society."

This year, 11 award recipients — an impressive slate of individuals and organizations from North America —were selected across 11 categories. For more information about the 2016 NAAEE Awards including eligibility requirements and a full list of winners, visit [www.naaee.org/our-work/programs/awards](http://www.naaee.org/our-work/programs/awards).

**About NAAEE**

The North American Association for Environmental Education is a pioneering membership organization dedicated to accelerating environmental literacy and civic engagement through the power of education. NAAEE supports a network of more than 20,000 educators, researchers, and organizational members working in environmental education in more than 30 countries through direct membership and 53 regional affiliate organizations. Through community networks, publications, signature programs, eeNEWS and eeJOBS, NAAEE provides programming and resources for professionals working in all areas of the field. NAAEE’s annual conference, now in its 45th year, convenes leaders from private and public sectors to advance the field of environmental education. For more information, visit [www.naaee.org](http://www.naaee.org) and [www.naaee.org/eePRO](http://www.naaee.org/eePRO).

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