

AORE Award Background

Each year, the Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE) recognizes work or leadership of unusual significance in the field of outdoor recreation and education, including contributions to the Association which are far beyond the ordinary and which have had a significant and lasting impact on the Association and its mission. Within this framework, AORE established the *Jim Rennie Leadership Award* and the *Bill March Student Achievement Award* in 1996, and in 2002 added the *David J Webb Program Excellence Award*. These awards memorialize three leaders in the outdoor recreation and education field, and recognize outstanding and noteworthy contributions to, and achievements in, the field of outdoor recreation and education

Bill March Student Achievement Award

Bill March served as an Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Outdoor Pursuits at the University of Calgary. He was a renowned instructor and mountaineer who led the successful 1982 Canadian Mount Everest Expedition. His book, *Modern Rope Techniques*, remains required reading for knowledge hungry climbers.

The *Bill March Student Achievement Award* is presented to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to an outdoor recreation and education program while pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree.

Recipients

1996 Russell Parks

1997 Brian Wilkenson

1999 Robert Taylor

2000 Tim King

2001 Paul Meinersmann

2002 Bridget Weikel

2003 Luke Bartlett

2004 Bruce Newman

2005 Matthew Purdy

2006 Maureen Harter

2007 Jeff Keenan

2008 Ashley Gray

2009 Cory Dahl

2010 Amanda Even

2011 Ben Ramaeker

Outdoor Network Leadership Award

1990 David J Webb

1991 Jim Rennie

1992 Jim Rogers

1993 Ron Watters

JIM RENNIE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Jim Rennie started the University of Idaho outdoor program in 1972. He taught leadership programs for the University at-large and later became an adjunct faculty member where his classes focused on outdoor leadership. Jim authored many articles and presented workshops at industry conferences on the principles of outdoor leadership.

The *Jim Rennie Leadership Award* recognizes contributions to AORE which are far beyond the ordinary and which have had a significant and lasting impact on the Association and its mission. The award also recognizes professional work or leadership of unusual significance in the field of outdoor recreation and education.

Recipients

1996 Dave Secunda

1997 Tim Moore

1998 Jim Fullerton

1999 Rob Jones

2000 Greg Lais

2001 Jim Rogers

2002 Jenny Kafsky-DeGarmo

2003 Steve Guthrie

2004 Tina Carter

2005 Steve Hutton

2006 Mat Erpelding

2007 Raymond Poff

2008 Rachel Peters

2009 Patsy Kott

2010 Geoff Harrison

2011 Mick Daniel

David J Webb Program Excellence Award

David J Webb served Brigham Young University for twenty years, first with Outdoors Unlimited before becoming the Wilkinson Student Center Recreation Services Administrator. David's professional passion was collecting and sharing institutional outdoor program information through numerous articles, conference presentations, and his invaluable *Outdoor Recreation Program Directory & Data/Resource Guide*. Regardless of institutional affiliation, David found commonalities between all not-for-profit outdoor programs. Though statistics often highlighted large programs, no outdoor center was too small for David to visit or include in his writings and presentations. Professionalism and dynamic, progressive programming were the traits he both sought and helped bring out.

The *David J Webb Program Excellence Award* honors an outstanding non-profit outdoor program which has provided dynamic and innovative services to its participants, demonstrated professionalism and high standards of conduct, and contributed to the outdoor community at large by sharing information and assisting other programs.

Recipients

2002 Brigham Young University – Outdoor Unlimited

2003 Idaho State University – Outdoor Program

2004 Miami University – Outdoor Pursuit Center

2005 Cornell University – Outdoor Education

2006 University of Utah – Outdoor Recreation Program

2007 Portland State University – Outdoor Program

2008 Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission

2009 Bowling Green State University – Outdoor Adventure

2010 Fort Carson – Adventure Programs and Education

2011 Appalachian State University