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ANNOUNCING THE 2018 CLIMATE + ENERGY AWARD WINNERS

The Climate + Energy Project honors Larry Erickson, Bob Eye, Elina Alterman, Project RALLY, Scott White, and Gary Anderson

HUTCHINSON, KS -

Since 2017, the Climate + Energy Project has recognized individuals and organizations who are leading the way to a clean energy future. The 2018 Award winners include:

Impact Awards

Larry Erickson, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kans.

Bob Eye, Kauffman & Eye, Lawrence, Kans.

Changemakers

Elina Alterman, Kansas Health Foundation, Wichita, Kans.

Project Rally, Kansas City, Kans.

Sustainers

Scott White, Cromwell Solar, Lawrence, Kans.

Gary Anderson, Meriden, Kans.

Impact Award: A lifetime achievement award recognizing an individual whose work resulted in positive, long-term, broad impacts in climate, energy, and environmental issues across the state.



Larry Erickson

As a Kansas State University Chemical Engineering and Food Science professor emeritus, leader of the Kansas Natural Resource Council, and organizer of the annual KSU Sustainability Dialog, Larry's 54 year career reflects a dynamic approach to pressing climate and energy issues; his public outreach and volunteer leadership has had far-reaching impacts across the state for decades. Larry is always willing to lend expertise, insights, and a listening ear to people working for change in Kansas.



Bob Eye

Bob Eye stands out as the go-to attorney for environmental and other public interest organizations in and outside the state for any issues related to Kansas. He is a wonderful supporter and advocate for climate and energy issues, and a generous mentor for environmental professionals and students. All Kansans who care about climate, energy, and environmental issues should appreciate what Bob Eye does to make our state a better place.

Changemaker: Recognition for an organization or individual whose recent (1-3 years) work has significantly advanced climate, energy, and/or environmental issues in Kansas.



Elina Alterman

Elina Alterman’s vision of health equity and civic engagement in Kansas has dramatically expanded and improved CEP’s programming in the past two years. Through her work at KHF, she facilitates nonprofit capacity building and collaboration across organizations and sectors to make progress on challenging issues facing our state and our communities. Elina’s vision has impacted the way nonprofits collaborate and connect in ways that will be felt for years to come.



Project RALLY

Project RALLY is a nonprofit in Kansas City, Kansas, working for change in their community by advancing Respect, Accountability, Leadership, Love, and Youth. In the past year, Project RALLY members have engaged in every opportunity CEP has offered, including our Integrated Voter Engagement and Kansas Environmental Leadership trainings. The Project RALLY team works in collaboration with the people around them, reaching out to learn more, teaching others how to be better, and always offering to give back to the community.

Sustainer: A volunteer-recognition award for an individual who has regularly engaged with CEP for at least five years



Scott White

Scott has been a clean energy champion since his early work with the Kansas Geological Survey in 1999. From his days as a project and technical manager with JW Prairie Wind Power, his management of the Kansas Energy Information Network, to his current work with Cromwell Solar, Scott has been a terrific resource for CEP. He has helped with research and presented at roundtables on both wind and solar. He always takes time to answer questions for CEP’s team.



Gary Anderson

Gary has been a dedicated, long time volunteer for the Climate + Energy Project, regularly engaging in legislative advocacy and events, including Wind Works for Kansas, WEALTH Day at the Capitol, and CEP's Environmental Leadership Summit. Gary's passion has supported many nonprofits, including Kansas Sierra Club, Lutherans Restoring Creation, Jayhawk Audubon Society, Lawrence, KS and Kansas Interfaith Action. He always shows up with a smile on his face, eager to help make Kansas a better place

Great things are happening in Kansas, and we're thrilled to celebrate these amazing Kansans. Join us in honoring our award winners on Monday, December 10th at the Lawrence Beer Company for Visions of a Resilient Kansas, our annual fundraiser and awards ceremony.

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The Climate & Energy Project seeks to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions in America's Heartland through the ambitious deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy, in policy and practice.

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