

In the Spotlight

Congratulations to Lynne F. Zielinski!

Lynne has been selected by the National Space Club as the 2013 recipient of the National Space Educator Award!



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Stars at Yerkes very own Lynne Zielinski was presented with the National Space Society's National Space Educator Award on March 22, 2013 at the 56th annual Robert H. Goddard Memorial Dinner at the Washington Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Since 1982, the award has been given annually to secondary school teachers who mentor students in the field of space, science, and technology. Recipients are also given a \$1,500 grant and a plaque for their respective school.

"Lynne Zielinski is the first two-time winner in the thirty year history of the National Space Club National Space Educator Award. After being selected in 1988 for exemplary work motivating students to do research by planning and flying experiments on the Space Shuttle, she did not rest on her laurels," said National Space Club Award Chairman Kerry Joels.

"She spent the next quarter century expanding her students' opportunities to participate in space science research, encouraged dozens to pursue science and engineering degrees, and expanded community awareness of space science. Her career is an impressive and exceptional model for a space educator," he added.

[Click here](#) to read the full article posted by the [National Space Society](#).

Lynne has devoted many hours to coordinate our monthly public star parties, work on our family astronomy nights, and has been workshop leader for several Stars at Yerkes teacher workshops. Lynne continues to mentor fellow S@Y teachers and give presentations at conferences like [SEEC](#) and so much more.

Congratulations Lynne - We are proud of you!