

DISTINGUISHED SECONDARY SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER AWARD: 1998

LINDA BARRETT PHELPS

Camden Central High School, Camden, Tennessee

Linda Barrett Phelps was named the recipient of the prestigious 1998 Tennessee Academy of Science Distinguished Secondary School Science Teacher Award. Begun in 1997 and administered by the Tennessee Academy of Science, the award program is designed to recognize outstanding science teachers. The award is given annually to one science teacher in Tennessee that has made significant contributions to science teaching and learning. Ms. Phelps, who teaches Chemistry and Biology at Camden Central High School, received the award on November 20, 1998, at the Tennessee Academy of Science 108th Annual Meeting in Cookeville, Tennessee (Tennessee Technological University). In addition to the award and a trip to the conference, Ms. Phelps also received a plaque and a certificate of recognition.

Ms. Phelps completed both her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees at the University of Tennessee, Martin. Truly a "life-long-learner", Ms. Phelps has completed almost fifty-quarter hours of course work above the Masters degree at the University of Tennessee Martin, Austin Peay State University, and Tennessee Technological University.

Ms. Phelps is a recognized leader in secondary school science education, having made major contributions to science education at both the local and state levels. Her service to science education is long-term and outstanding. She is widely recognized as an outstand-

ing science teacher. Through her efforts, hard work, and many positive attributes, Ms. Phelps has been instrumental in planning and implementing innovative and exemplary science programs in her school and district. For example, she has actively engaged her students in the activities of the Tennessee Junior Academy of Science, the Tennessee Science and Humanities Symposium, The Tennessee Science Olympiad, and has actively supported her students in presenting their work at local and regional science fairs. In addition, she was instrumental in planning and writing the Tennessee Science Framework, and she has served on a number of science education task forces.

In addition to presenting numerous in-service activities throughout the state, Ms. Phelps has made many presentations at local, state, and national conferences. She has held numerous leadership positions in various science organizations, and has several major publications in the area of secondary school science teaching.

Ms. Phelps is truly an award-winning teacher. In addition to the current recognition by the Tennessee Academy of Science, she is the recipient of the Milken Family Foundation Award (1996); The Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching (1995); Tennessee Outstanding Achievement Award (1995); Tennessee Teacher of the Year State Finalist (1993); Faculty Award, United States Army Research Office (1988); and the Distinguished Science Teacher Award, Sigma Xi (1985).