



Richard “Dick” Lipka Lifetime Achievement Award 2018

DESCRIPTION: Richard Lipka was the founding father of the Middle Level Education Research Special Interest Group (MLER SIG) and has been a guiding force in this organization since its inception. The Richard “Dick” Lipka Lifetime Achievement Award is the highest honor that can be awarded by the MLER SIG.

SUBMISSION OF RESEARCH ABSTRACT

ELIGIBILITY: Viable candidates for this award must have:

- made a significant impact on middle level education;
- a minimum of 15 years of actively demonstrated, distinguished service to the field;
- a national (and even international) reputation;
- demonstrated scholarship of the highest level in professional research and writing;
- maintained service to middle level education through local, state, regional, and national organizations.

NOMINATION PROCESS: To nominate an individual for the Richard “Dick” Lipka Lifetime Achievement Award, send a letter of nomination to the MLER SIG Vice Chair that addresses each of the eligibility criteria. With the letter, include the nominee’s professional vita and a maximum of five letters of support. Any MLER SIG member may nominate a candidate for this award. Self-nominations are not appropriate and will not be considered. The nature of this award necessitates that recognition and nominations come from colleagues in the field rather than from self-nomination.

Send nominations to: Dr. Cheryl Ellerbrock ellerbro@usf.edu

Direct questions to: Dr. Cheryl Ellerbrock ellerbro@usf.edu

DEADLINE: All nominations and materials must be received no later than January 1, 2018. The recipient of this award will be recognized at 2018 AERA MLER annual business meeting.

AWARD/RECOGNITION

The award is given only when an individual has demonstrated a level of service and leadership in middle grades education that warrants this special recognition. As a result the award is not necessarily presented annually. The recipient of this award will be recognized with a plaque and a check for \$500.00 presented at the MLER annual business meeting at AERA, and a brief biography and picture of the award winner will be posted on the SIG’s website.