

SCIENCE IN KANSAS**

150 YEARS *and Counting*

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The Ad Astra Kansas Initiative is sponsoring a project for the Kansas Sesquicentennial—**Science in Kansas: 150 Years and Counting**. Our goal is to provide richly deserved recognition of scientific work and achievements by Kansans. We also hope to inspire young Kansans to go into STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields, especially here in our state.

Beginning January 1, 2011, we will be highlighting 150 Kansas scientists, both **past and present**, and their contributions, by providing free trading cards with information about Kansas scientists. The trading cards will be geared towards teachers and students and can be downloaded from our website (www.adastra-ks.org) through 2011. Other activities in connection with this project, such as displays or presentations at science museums, are also being discussed.

A featured scientist can work in any STEM field and can be involved in fundamental research and/or technological applications areas. General areas include (but are not limited to)

*Earth, Water and Climate Sciences

*Physics, Earth Sciences, Chemistry, Astronomy

*Engineering, Math and Computer Sciences

*Biomedical

*Plant and Animal Sciences

*Technology

To allow for the historical context, we are defining a scientist as “anyone who makes use of science or technology, especially those who have brought attention to the state's preeminence in science and technology. The list can include those people who work in traditional science and math disciplines, as well inventors, innovators, builders and dreamers.”

An honoree can be:

- From ANY era of Kansas history since statehood, including the present.
- From any sector: university, business, industry, public or private.
- A native Kansan working in Kansas; a native Kansan even if his/her contribution was not made in Kansas (example: Jack St. Clair Kilby); past and current Kansas scientists though not native Kansans.
- Nominated by an individual, group or organization. Self-nomination is allowed.

Although a qualifying scientist may also teach, selection will be based on scientific work, but not based on teaching.

Nominations begin July 15, 2010. The deadline is Oct. 1, 2010. A simple nomination form is attached. Recommended scientists will be contacted for more biographical information. The list of featured scientists should be available by early December. For more information, contact Jeanette Steinert at jeanettesteinert@att.net

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