

Outstanding Achievement Award Citations - Academia/Research

Dr. Charles H. Butterfield

Chuck Butterfield is an educator in every sense of the word. He has dedicated himself to teaching in an arena in which rewards are handed out for research. Chuck came into a new and establishing program and has built it into one of the leading producers of range management graduates in the United States. He has added courses to the core curriculum in range management, in addition to teaching the principles of soils course, and has added a wildlife management minor. He is extremely attentive to individual student's needs, designing internships, supervising student research or finding jobs for them to further their formal education. He is an active participant in prescribed fire utilizing his students in these burns. His students annually participate in every aspect of student activities at SRM Section and Annual Meetings from Plant ID to URME, poster competitions, paper presentations, and public speaking, often quite successful in the competitions. Chuck has been an extremely active member of the Student Activities Committee for the past 15 years, serving as Co-advisor for the last 10 years, and active in the Plant ID contest since 1981. He served as the President of the Range Science Education Council of SRM. Chuck has also served on 7 other national SRM committees, task forces or councils and has served as the Nebraska Section President. In 1994 Chuck introduced range management into the Nebraska State Envirothon contest and has since moved the range element into the National contest when it is held in a rangeland State. Chuck links this activity to his involvement in the Nebraska State Range Youth Camp at which he is an annual instructor.

