

# Present and Past SWCOLT Award Winners

## SWCOLT REGIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

2023 Natalie Lalagos - HI  
2022 William Lee – TX  
2021 Heather Sweetser - NM  
2020 Amy Murray - NV  
2019 Melanie Mello - AZ  
2018 Jennifer Melgar - TX  
2017 Ying Jin - CA  
2016 Darcy Pippins - OK  
2015 Fernando Rubio - UT  
2014 Nicole Naditz - CA  
2013 Norma Arroyo - CO  
2012 Noah Giesel - CO  
2011 Yo Azama - CA  
2010 Stephen Van Orden - UT  
2009 Nella Spurlin - TX  
2008 Toni Theisen – CO  
2007 Jamin Lynch – CA  
2006 Christine Lanphere – CA  
2005 Desa Dawson – OK

## SWCOLT AWARDS

### Excellence in Teaching – Elementary

2021 Elizabeth Vela Robles - CO  
2020 Jason Fritze - CA  
2018 Karen Carmean - CO  
2017 Sharon Hsu - El Paso, TX  
2016 Junko Agena - HI  
2005 Nancy S. Hernandez - AZ  
2000 Edna Alvarado - NM  
1999 Lewis Johnson - CA

### Excellence in Teaching – Secondary

2023 Amy Romanowski - CO  
2022 Stephen Van Orden – UT  
2021 Anthony (T.J.) Troche - NV  
2020 Jillian Lykensm - CO  
2019 Rebecca Kahealani Sanborn - HI  
2018 Mira Canion - CO  
2017 Darcy Pippins - OK  
2016 Lorraine Leftwich - NM  
2015 Ariana Koers - NM  
2014 Sarah Sexton - Colorado  
2013 Dr. Laurie Wilson - HI  
2009 Shelli Brown - TX  
2007 Cesiah M. Boryczka - TX  
2006 Dale Crum - CO  
2005 Laura A. Bertrand - AZ  
2004 Joyce Pierro Lentz - NM  
2003 Nancy Oakes - NM  
2002 Christine S. Wells - CO  
2001 Kathleen Zipf - NM

2000 Marty Christopher - OK  
1999 Patricia Kule - CO

### **Excellence in Teaching – Post-Secondary**

2023 Nieves Knapp - UT  
2021 Alohilani Okamura - HI  
2020 Alegría Ribadeneira - CO  
2019 Anne Becher - CO  
2018 Dr. Teresa Bell - UT  
2017 Dr. Mara Sukholutskaya - OK  
2016 Dr. Glenn Fetzer - NM  
2015 Dr. Deborah Arteaga - NV  
2014 Dr. Alicia Giralt - UT  
2012 Dr. Jessica Greenfield - TX  
2011 Dr. Donna Shelton - OK  
2008 Dr. Marina Peters-Newell - NM  
2007 Tony Spanos - UR  
2005 Miko Kurita Foard - AZ  
2004 Francisco Zermeño - CA  
2002 Suzanne Bader Hendrickson - AZ  
2001 Elfie Manning - NV  
2000 Agnes Dimitriou - CA  
1999 Pete Kastner-Wells - CO

### **Friend of the Profession**

2023 Sydnee Dickson - UT  
2022 Ryan Smith – NV  
2020 Amy Anderton - TX  
2019 Leslie Hermann - NV  
2018 Lourdes Lulu Buck - CO  
2017 Dr. Joseph Siano - OK  
2016 Aiden Fleming - AZ  
2015 Debby Gomberg - UT  
2014 Dr. Jana Miller - AZ  
2012 Rosalba Maniaci - NM  
2009 Ralph Pohlmeier - OK  
2008 Dr. Jessica Stowell - OK  
2007 James Buchanan - TX  
2004 Christiane Frederickson - CA  
2001 María Inés García - TX  
2000 Julie Gonzales  
1999 William "Gully" Stanford - CO

### **Honorary Lifetime SWCOLT Member**

2022 Julie Lozada Ocampo – NV  
2021 Greta Lundgaard - TX  
2020 Jocelyn Raught - AZ  
2020 Paul Chandler - HI  
2019 Lynette Fujimori - HI  
2018 Nancy Oakes - NM  
2018 Judith Cale - CO  
2017 Brian E. Barabé - AZ  
2016 Toni Theisen - CO  
2015 James Yoder - NV  
2014 Linda S. Bedson - AZ

2012 Elizabeth Smith - TX  
2011 Janine Erickson - CO  
2010 Gordon Hale - NV  
2009 Helene Zimmer-Lowe - AATG  
2008 Thomas Keith Cothrun - AATG

## **SWCOLT SHOLARSHIPS**

### FRENCH

#### **Académie de Langues de Trois-Pistoles, Quebec**

2011 Susan Carlock - CA  
2010 Jennifer Jones - NM

#### **French Embassy**

2006 Barbara Russek - AZ  
2004 Lorraine Leftwich - NM  
2003 Lela Kimber, K.O. Knudson - NV  
2002 Mayrene Bentley - OK  
2001 Kelly M. Olsen - TX  
2000 Linda Bayes

### GERMAN

#### **Goethe Institut**

2010 Shannon Szuszalski - NM  
2004 Debbie Singer - CO  
2002 Carolyn M. Killgore - TX  
2001 Debbie Singer - CO  
2000 Sandra Almgren  
2000 Ron Hubbard  
1999 Pam Su'a - UT

### SPANISH

#### **Centro Mundolengua, Sevilla, España**

2020 Monica Mancillas - NM  
2019 Argelia Meza - TX  
2018 Michael Kraniski - UT  
2017 Jenette Cross - Utah  
2016 Maylén Rafuls Rosa - CA  
2014 Stephanie Hill - NV  
2013 Virginia Mendoza-Dávila - TX  
2012 Carol Moir - CA  
2011 Erika Stinnette - NV  
2010 Matthew Zealand - CA

#### **Academia Latinoamericana de Español Scholarship, South America**

2012 Jorge Arriaga - NV  
2011 Linda Colenda - NM  
2010 Jessica Larson - NM

#### **Centro Bilingüe – Cuernavaca, Mexico**

2005 Sharon Jennings - TX  
2004 Susan Peña - CA  
2002 Cynthia Baca - CO  
2001 Patricia Smith - TX

2000 Nancy E. Schuetz

**Interamerican University Studies Institute – Querétaro, Mexico**

2007 Julie Rivera - NV  
2006 Michael Hydak - TX  
2005 Lucy Linder, Río Salado - AZ  
2004 Susan Bogner - CO  
2004 Diane Christensen - UT  
2003 Sheila Ainsworth - UT  
2002 Dona Dougherty - NV  
2001 Gina Taylor - TX  
2000 Ron Hubbard  
1999 Christine S. Wells - CO

**Spanish Embassy**

2019 Emily Edman - UT  
2013 Julie Rivera - UT  
2006 Georgina Georgelos - AZ  
2005 Linda Mayer - CO  
2004 Maritza Sloan - TX  
2003 Rosa Isela Ramos - TX  
2002 Mira Canion - CO  
2001 Shwanté Washington - TX  
2000 Mary Ann O'Hara

**Cemanahuac University Studies Institute, Cuernavaca, Mexico**

2020 Paige Ebbers - CO  
2019 Jared Nebeker - UT  
2018 Bryan Arciniega - NV  
2017 Suzanne Contreras - CA  
2016 Nina Barber - CO  
2014 Barbara Packer - UT  
2013 Antonio Carrillo - AZ  
2012 Lee Carlton - NV  
2010 Allison Knopic - AZ  
2008 Natalie Figueroa - NM  
2007 Virginia Porto - OK  
2006 Victoria Grablander - CO

**Universidad Internacional—The Center for Linguistic Multicultural Studies**

2021 Edna Morales - AZ  
2020 Rebecca Webb - CO  
2019 Beatriz Gallego Marquez - TX  
2018 Elizabeth Ludwig - UT  
2017 Lyanne Terada - CO  
2016 Laura Blancq - HI  
2014 Richard Cordova - AZ  
2010 Rachel Mamiya - HI  
2006 Manny Durazo - AZ  
2003 Maria Zambrano - TX

**Costa Rica Connection**

2002 Cynthia Joy - TX  
2001 Anita J. Robbins - OK

**Central American Inst. for International Affairs**

2000 Jean McCollum

**Lynn Sandstedt Memorial Spanish Scholarship**

2016 Jeenna Canche - HI

**SWCOLT-Vista Higher Learning-Future Language Educator Scholarship**

2023 – Ashley Driggs – UT (Secondary)