

## **PNWIS 2019 Awards**

At the 2019 PNWIS annual meeting in Butte, Montana in October, PNWIS held its' annual awards ceremony. The following were the recipients of this year's awards.

**Jessica Stark**

**SLR International**

### **Robert Stockman Distinguished Achievement Award**

This award is presented annually in recognition of an outstanding contribution to air and waste management in the PNWIS region and for a long-standing contribution to PNWIS.

**Kumar Ganesan**

**Montana Tech**

### **Educator Award**

This award is presented to an educator in recognition of a long and outstanding contribution to the students of PNWIS.

**Lanka DeSilva**

**Ramboll**

### **The Young Professional of the Year Award**

This award is presented to a young professional leader who has made an outstanding contribution to air and/or waste management in the PNWIS region and for their contributions to PNWIS.

**Norma Job**

**Ash Grove Cement Company**

### **PNWIS/A&WMA Executive Committee Award**

This award is presented to recognize persons who have gone beyond the call of duty in their volunteer work for PNWIS.

**Crystal Rau**

**NWCAA**

### **Hawkeye Award**

This award is presented to an inspector or internal auditor who diligently enforces regulations in the PNWIS region.

**Dave Blankenship**

**Bison Engineering**

### **Hard Hat Award**

This award is presented to a source tester or engineer who provides air pollution control or waste management through innovative techniques.

**Christopher Hiltunen**

**Bison Engineering**

### **Lab Coat Award**

This award is presented to a person demonstrating accomplishment toward pollution control through ambient air testing or waste analysis.

**WET Consulting**

### **Environmental Achievement Award**

This award is presented to organizations that have used innovative techniques to reduce or prevent air pollution or waste.

**Kali Cummings, WET Consulting**

**Montana Tech**

**Media Award**

This award is presented to a representative from the media who consistently presents accurate, balanced and in-depth information on the environment.

**Neil Westesen, Crowley & Fleck**

**Excellence in Presentation**

This award is presented for the best presentation of a paper or poster at the annual meeting.

**Whitney Jurenic, Montana DEQ**

**YP Excellence in Presentation**

This award is presented for the best presentation of a paper or poster at the annual meeting.

**Kumar Ganesan and the PNWIS 2019 Planning Committee**

**Bent Black Banana**

This award is presented to some person for some reason! The award is on the “lighter side” and is generally presented for some unusual contribution at the annual meeting.

**Susie Anderson, PNWIS 2019**

**Karen Helfrich, PNWIS 2019**

**Certificates of Appreciation/Recognition**

These certificates are presented to individuals, firms, agencies, or other organizations that have made some significant contribution to the fields of air pollution control and waste management or to the volunteer work of PNWIS.

**Willenberg-Hansen Chapter Recognition Program**

**Moby Award**

Alaska Chapter  
BC/Yukon Chapter  
Idaho Chapter  
Inland NW Chapter  
Montana  
Montana Tech  
Oregon Chapter  
Puget Sound Chapter  
University of Montana  
Vancouver Island Chapter

**Student Paper Awards**

- **Tie for First Place, Evan Norman, Montana Tech**, Quantifying Low-Impact Stream Restoration in Headwater Regions, \$350
- **Tie for First Place, Loran Brooks, Montana Tech**, Feasibility Study for Mine Waste Impacted Grove Gulch, Butte, MT, \$350
- **Third Place, Jessie Bunker, Montana Tech**, Modeling Rivers with Remote Sensing and Temperature Profiles: Potential for Application in Contaminated Transport, \$200

**Environmental Challenge**

**First Place** (\$1,500, plus sponsorship to attend and compete in the ECI at ACE 2020)

**University: Western Washington University, Team Name: Kulshan Environmental**

Team Members: Sarah Vanlandingham, Finn O’Hea, Madison Pongon, and Katie Knaub

**Second Place** (\$1,200)

**University: Montana Tech, Team Name: Ureactive Consulting**

Team Members: Kori Reilly, Grace Mulholland, George Sidles IV

**Third Place** (\$800)

**University: Montana Tech, Team Name: H-4 Consulting**

Team Members: Kris Bosch, Laurel Bitterman, Raychel Hoerner, Carter Moerley

**If you have ideas for nominees for our 2020 annual meeting located in Suquamish, Washington; please send them to:**

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