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# ALAN HOFMEISTER TO RECEIVE 2012 CEHS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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Actors have their Oscar Awards, musicians have their Grammy Awards, and educators & researchers at Utah State University have the CEHS Awards.

Each year, the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services recognizes outstanding faculty, staff, and students at their CEHS Awards Ceremony. The 2012 Ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 5, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Edith Bowen Laboratory School Auditorium on the USU campus.

This year, one of the CPD's past division directors, Dr. Alan Hofmeister, is receiving the *Lifetime Achievement Award*.



Dr. Alan Hofmeister

Dr. Hofmeister's lifelong career in Special Education has impacted the lives of children around the world. He held many different positions during the 40 years he spent at Utah State University, including professor, researcher, Special Education Department Head, Director of the Outreach and Development Division at the Center for Persons with Disabilities, Director of the Center for Special Education Technology at the CPD, Associate Vice President for Research, and lastly, Director of the Artificial Intelligence Research and Development Unit until his retirement in 2006.

Hofmeister's work has revolutionized the way that teachers approach reading and math with children who are at risk or have developmental disabilities. He developed the literacy program "Reading for All Learners" which is now used nationally and internationally. His research and development efforts include language arts, math, and science programs. In 1992, Hofmeister received an Emmy Award for his role as the Chief Scientist in the "*Mad Math*" Instructional Television Series produced by The Learning Channel. His international literacy efforts continue on in Guam, the Pacific Rim Nations, Russia, Southeast Asia, and several South American nations.

Others being honored at the CEHS Awards Ceremony include:

## TEACHER OF THE YEAR:

*Patricia Moyer-Packenham, School of Teacher Education and Leadership*

## SCHOLAR/RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR:

*Maria Norton, Family, Consumer and Human Development*

## STRONG HUMAN SERVICES AWARD:

*Brian Higginbotham, Family, Consumer and Human Development*

## OUTSTANDING STAFF OF THE YEAR:

*Ami Israelsen, School of Teacher Education and Leadership*

## COLLEGE SENATOR:

*Becky Checketts, Health, Physical Education and Recreation*

**UNDERGRADUATE PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR OF THE YEAR:**

*Tressa Haderlie, Psychology*

**GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR:**

*J. Mitch Vaterlaus, Family, Consumer and Human Development*

**GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR:**

*Maegan Lokteff, Family, Consumer and Human Development*

**SCHOLAR OF THE YEAR:**

*Brooke Elise Rice, Communicative Disorders & Deaf Education*

**VALEDICTORIAN:**

*Aubree Keate, School of Teacher Education and Leadership*

**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTOR OF THE YEAR:**

*Kerry Jordan, Psychology*

**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHER OF THE YEAR:**

*William Brady DeHart, Psychology*

**UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING FELLOW:**

*Scarlett Rowbury, Family, Consumer and Human Development*

**LEGACY OF USU:**

*Charlene Pasquale, Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education*

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:**

*Al Hofmeister, Special Education and Rehabilitation*

**ALUMNI RECENT GRADUATE:**

*Joel Gardner, Faculty Member*

*Instructional Design & Performance Technology Program*

*Franklin University, College of Arts, Sciences & Technology*

*Columbus, OH*

*Instructional Technology and Learning Sciences*

**ALUMNI K-12 TEACHER:**

*Eric J. Newell, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher & Mount Logan Discovery Director*

*Mount Logan Middle School*

*Logan, UT*

*School of Teacher Education and Leadership*