



Walton Rural Life Center teacher honored as education foundation's teacher of the year

TOPEKA, Kan. - March 18, 2013 - Angela Black, a kindergarten teacher at Walton Rural Life Center, was recently honored as the 2013 Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year by the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom (KFAC).

The KFAC Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year award recognizes teachers who instill a passion for learning about agriculture within their students. The Foundation honors one teacher annually who has successfully integrated agricultural education into his or her pre-existing curricula. Black was honored with the award at the Postcard Art and Teacher of the Year celebration on March 12 in Topeka, where she got to meet Kansas Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Jim Riemann and Kansas Governor Sam Brownback.

"We were delighted to honor Angela for her work with students that increases their knowledge about agriculture," said Cathy Musick, KFAC executive director. "She is definitely a role model for her peers."

As KFAC's Teacher of the Year, Black will attend the National Agriculture in the Classroom (NAITC) Conference, which will be held in Minneapolis, Minn., this June. High Plains Journal will sponsor her trip.



Doug Rich, a representative from High Plains Journal, presents Angela Black with her Teacher of the Year award.

The Janet Sims Memorial Teacher of the Year award is named in honor of Janet Sims, who passed away in June 2007 from Lou Gehrig's disease. Sims, an educator herself, had served on the KFAC board from November 2005 until her death.



Angela Black, her family, Doug Rich from High Plains Journal and Senator McGinn with Kansas Governor Sam Brownback.

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About KFAC

The Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom is a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation that provides educational resources for Kansas teachers to help students connect Kansas agriculture to their own lives while meeting curriculum goals.

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