

2023-24 COTE Awards (4/22/2024)

On 22 April 2024, COTE announced its 2023-2024 COTE award recipients. The awards fall into two categories:

COTE Exemplar Awards recognize individuals or groups with significant accomplishments promoting the sustainable use of natural resources or the protection of ecological systems.

COTE Service Awards recognize past individual service on or to the BSU Council on the Environment.

COTE Award Recipients 2024

COTE Exemplar Award

MITCHELL ARCHER

This Council on the Environment Exemplar Award is presented to Mitchell Archer in recognition of a commitment to the stewardship of our natural resources and protection of ecological systems as demonstrated by participation as a Team Leader in the design, development, construction and coordination of the BSU Alley House in Indianapolis, IN; the First-Place Overall awardee in the International 2023 Solar Decathlon design/build competition sponsored by DOE and NREL.

JULIE HOPWOOD

This Council on the Environment Exemplar Award is presented to Julie Hopwood in recognition of a commitment to the stewardship of our natural resources and protection of ecological systems as demonstrated by the creation and management of the Annual STARS Reporting process using a comprehensive Scoring Spreadsheet shared among some 70 participants to record BSU sustainability achievements. This resulted in the award of a 2023 STARS Gold Rating.

ALEJANDRA LAGUNAS

This Council on the Environment Exemplar Award is presented to Alejandra Lagunas in recognition of a commitment to the stewardship of our natural resources and protection of ecological systems as demonstrated by participation as a Team Leader in the design, development, construction and coordination of the BSU Alley House in Indianapolis, IN; the First-Place Overall awardee in the International 2023 Solar Decathlon design/build competition sponsored by DOE and NREL.

NAVY LYNCH

This Council on the Environment Exemplar Award is presented to Navy Lynch in recognition of a commitment to the stewardship of our natural resources and protection of ecological systems as demonstrated by participation as a Team Leader in the design, development, construction and coordination of the BSU Alley House in Indianapolis, IN; the First-Place Overall awardee in the International 2023 Solar Decathlon design/build competition sponsored by DOE and NREL.

MATT MARTELLA

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JENNIFER PALILONIS

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EMILY RHEINHEIMER

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NIK SEIBER

This Council on the Environment Exemplar Award is presented to Nik Seiber in recognition of a commitment to the stewardship of our natural resources and protection of ecological systems as demonstrated by participation as a Team Leader in the design, development, construction and coordination of the BSU Alley House in Indianapolis, IN; the First-Place Overall awardee in the International 2023 Solar Decathlon design/build competition sponsored by DOE and NREL.

SPENCER WHITMORE

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COTE Service Awards

JOHN EMERT

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JIM LOWE

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MICHEL O'MALLEY

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MIKE MAYFIELD

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