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JANE HURLEY NAMED JAMES BAILEY MEMORIAL EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Arkansas Water Works & Water Environment Association (AWW&WEA) 2015 Conference

PHOTO: *Jane Hurley, on right, accepts the award from Aaron Benzing, president of the AWW&WEA.*

Hot Springs, Ark. – Jane Hurley, the assistant director of water quality for Central Arkansas Water in Little Rock, is this year's recipient of the James Bailey Memorial Educator of the Year Award. The award was presented at the annual AWW&WEA meeting in Hot Springs on April 27.



Among Hurley's innovations in educating the public was developing a plan following the 9/11 when security around public facilities tightened. While at Batesville Water Utilities, she engaged the students of a local school to take photos and video of the treatment plants, distribution and collection systems from which she developed PowerPoint presentations that she could in-turn take to schools in place of the open plant tours that had been discontinued for security reasons. While with ADEQ, she supervised the student tours of approximately 2,800 students.

Hurley began her career as a laboratory supervisor with McClelland Consulting Engineers after receiving her Bachelor of Science in Chemistry in 1981. From there she worked as a research assistant for three years at the VA Medical Center in Memphis Tennessee before coming back to Arkansas and taking the position of Laboratory Supervisor for Batesville Water Utilities from 1998 to 2005. From there, she took the position of chemist supervisor/quality assurance officer for the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality until late 2014 when she accepted her current position with Central Arkansas Water.

The award was established by the AWEA in memory of James Bailey who served the state of Arkansas in the water & wastewater industry for many years. His efforts set the standard for the advancement of environmental education in the state. The award is given to an Arkansan who strives to inspire fellow

Arkansans to protect the state's water environment, understand environmental issues, and further environmental education.

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