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Eloise Farmer Elected to Honorary Membership in the Academy

Rocky Hill, CT — The Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE) has elected Eloise Farmer, retired science educator, to Honorary Membership. CASE will present the award at its 41st Annual Meeting and Dinner on Tuesday, May 24th at the University of New Haven.

The CASE Governing Council created the category of Honorary Membership in 2009 to recognize an individual not otherwise eligible for membership. The council nominates, and selects by vote, the recipients of this honor. Farmer is a leader and advocate for science education in Connecticut, supporting the Academy's vision to "foster an environment where scientific and technological creativity can thrive and contribute to Connecticut becoming a leading place in the country to live, work and produce for all its citizens ..."

Farmer taught science at Torrington High School from 1967 to 2003 and has served as president of the CSTA as well as the Connecticut Science Supervisors Association (CSSA). She has been the editor of CSTA's *Science Matters* for the past 10 years. This science education newsletter is published once a month during the school year and occasionally over the summer. It is distributed via email to a point-of-contact in every Connecticut public school, as well as private schools, higher education faculty, science-rich organizations, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) and other interested parties. It is the only newsletter that reaches the state's K-12 science education community with time-sensitive news, professional development opportunities, request for proposal notifications, and CSDE reports.

Farmer's dedication to Connecticut teachers and students has earned her several honors, including: Torrington Teacher of the Year, CSTA Outstanding Science Educator Award, CSSA Connecticut Science Educator Fellowship and CSDE's Celebration of Excellence Award. She was a Fellow of the Project to Increase Mastery of Mathematics and Science at Wesleyan University and the former Connecticut Academy for Education in Mathematics, Science and Technology. Farmer has been a mentor and supervisor to student teachers at Connecticut universities and continues to mentor science teachers in Torrington. She has conducted numerous professional development workshops across the state and served for three years as science content director of EastConn's Project Opening Doors, an Advanced Placement (AP) training and support program.

A graduate of the State University of New York at Cortland, Farmer holds a master's degree from St. Joseph's College, as well as postgraduate credits from various universities and an Intermediate Administrators Certificate from Southern Connecticut State University. She began her career in the Milwaukee Public School system.

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