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The National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP) is proud to announce the recipients of the 2020 Awards.

Typically awarded in tandem with the NAEP Annual Meeting in April, the cancellation of this year's event prevented the Awards ceremony and as such, the awards were made virtually.

Bert C. Ahrens Achievement Award

This prestigious award is NAEP's highest honor and considers the individual's contributions to the profession over an extending period of time. It recognizes the recipient's dedication to the advancement of Higher Education Procurement and institutional success.

NAEP is proud to award the Bert C. Ahrens Achievement Award to:



Jesse Moore
Director, Office of Supplier Diversity Development
Purdue University (Retired)



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Award for Excellence in Procurement

The Award for Excellence in Procurement recognizes institutions through outstanding contributions to the profession, their institution, and the field of Higher Education.

NAEP is proud to announce the recipients of this year's awards as:

Category 2: 5,000-15,000 Students:	Category 3: >15,000 Students
	

2020 Distinguished Service Award

This award recognizes extraordinary contributions to the institution, higher education community, profession, and Association.

NAEP is proud to announce the recipients of this year's awards as:

		
Kelly Kozisek PCMM Director and Chief Procurement Officer Oregon State University	Lisa Deal Assistant Vice President and Chief Procurement Officer University of Florida	Diane Loomis Manager of Procurement Cecil College



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2020 NAEP Volunteer of the Year Award

The Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes outstanding contributions in volunteerism and engagement with NAEP.

NAEP is proud to announce the recipients of this year's awards as:

		
Marta Ferreria Director Contracts and Reporting Tennessee Board of Regents	Casey Laurienzo Contracts Administrator Florida State University	Greg Long Director, Purchasing Seminole State College

2020 Young Professional in Procurement Award

The Young Professional in Procurement Award recognizes exemplary contributions to the institution, higher education community, profession, and Association.

NAEP is proud to announce the recipients of this year's awards as:

	
Dr. Brian McGinley Associate Director of Procurement Services Texas A&M University - Commerce	Desiree Taggard Director of Procurement Services University of Arkansas at Little Rock



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NAEP 2020 Bob Ashby Mentor of the Year Award

The Bob Ashby Mentor of the Year recognizes the dedication to the profession through mentorship and advancement of other professionals.

NAEP is proud to announce the recipient of this year's award as:



Mark Conley
Executive Director, Procurement Services
University of Washington

2020 Neil D. Markee Communicator of the Year Award

The Neil D. Markee Communicator of the Year Award recognizes the advancement of higher education through the written or spoken word.

NAEP is proud to announce the recipient of this year's award as:



Shannon Wampler
Director of Strategic Operations
University of Virginia



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To watch the award presentation, please visit <https://vimeo.com/486869038>.

Congratulations to all the award winners and thank you for your service!