Previous Winners

2007: Ana Lia Quijano
Program in Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences
University of Colorado-Boulder

2000: Teresa M. Bals-Elsholz
Department of Earth & Atmospheric Sciences
University at Albany/SUNY

1999: Paquita Zuidema
Program in Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences
University of Colorado-Boulder

1998: Jennifer Barnett
Department of Meteorology
University of Utah

2008 winner, Ms. Katye Altieri

About DRI

DRI strives to serve as a world leader in environmental sciences through the application of knowledge and technologies to improve people’s lives throughout Nevada and the world.

DRI was established by the Nevada Legislature in 1959 and became a stand alone institution within the Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) in 1969. Today there are nearly 500 researchers, staff and students working on approximately 300 research projects per year that take place in every state in the nation and on every continent in the world.

DRI’s research ranges from mountain meteorology and climate to watershed issues, and more exotic topics such as preservation of China’s Terracotta Warriors, and desert terrain issues in the Middle East. DRI faculty members are vital to the success of the atmospheric and Hydrological Sciences programs at the University of Nevada Reno, both as student mentors and as professors in the classroom. Our six-sided computer visualization laboratory will greatly enhance interpretation of geophysical models.

The institute’s two main campuses are in Reno and Las Vegas. There are satellite research facilities in Boulder City, NV, and Steamboat Springs, CO.

DRI has research divisions in Hydrologic Sciences, Atmospheric Sciences, and Earth and Ecosystem Sciences.

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The Peter B. Wagner Memorial Award for Women in Atmospheric Sciences

Left to right: DRI president, Dr. Steve Wells, with Dr. Vanda Grubišić (DRI), Ms. Katye Altieri, and Mrs. Sue Wagner

Deadline: April 15, 2009
Introduction
Ms. Sue Wagner — Nevada Gaming Commissioner, former Nevada Lieutenant Governor, DRI employee, and widow of Dr. Peter B. Wagner — created the Peter B. Wagner Memorial Award for Women in Atmospheric Sciences in 1998.

Dr. Peter B. Wagner, an atmospheric scientist who had been a faculty member at the Desert Research Institute since 1968, was killed while conducting research in a 1980 plane crash that also claimed the lives of three other Institute employees.

In 1981, Dr. Wagner’s family and friends established a memorial scholarship to provide promising graduate students in the Desert Research Institute’s Atmospheric Sciences Program a cash award to further their professional careers. Ms. Wagner later extended that opportunity nationally and specifically for women, through the creation of the Peter B. Wagner Memorial Award in 1998.

The Peter B. Wagner Award
The Peter B. Wagner Memorial Award for Women in Atmospheric Sciences is an annual award based on a paper competition and awarded to a woman pursuing a Masters or Ph.D. in atmospheric sciences or a related program at a university in the United States. The amount of the award is $1,500.

Eligibility
To be eligible, applicants must be pursuing a Masters or Ph.D. in a program of atmospheric sciences or a related field as of the application deadline date. Applicants must submit a paper based on original research directly related to the identification, clarification, or resolution of an atmospheric or climatic problem.

Selection Criteria
The Selection Committee is composed of faculty from the Atmospheric Sciences Graduate Program at Desert Research Institute. Papers will be evaluated based on the following content areas:
1. Originality of ideas expressed and presentation of concept;
2. How well the subject matter relates to real-world atmospheric or climatic problems or their resolution; and
3. How well the research is defined by the introduction, methods, results, and conclusions of the manuscript.

An entry into this competition can be based on a manuscript that has either been submitted, been accepted for publication, or appeared in press within the past 12 months before the application deadline. Authors are strongly encouraged to address broader impacts of their work for the field of atmospheric sciences. Manuscripts submitted for consideration for this award should be a report of work done primarily by the applicant. The applicant should be the first author but not necessarily the single author. The submitted manuscript should be in a form acceptable for publication in a scientific journal. Length should be no more than 15 pages of double-spaced text exclusive of figures, title page, and references, minimum 12-point font. Reprints of published papers will no longer be accepted. Submitted manuscripts will be reviewed by the Award Selection Committee.

Application Procedure
An applicant should submit a PDF file of a full manuscript by email and one hard copy of her paper with a cover letter describing her graduate program of study by regular mail (postmarked by the deadline date) to:

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Announcement of the winning entry for the 2009 award will be made as soon as the selection committee has made a decision.

Previous Winners
2008: Katye Altieri
Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences
Rutgers University

2007: Ariane Verdy
Department of Earth, Atmospheric & Planetary Sciences
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2006: Paula Agudeldo
School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
Georgia Institute of Technology

2005: Heather Dawn Reeves
Department of Marine, Earth & Atmospheric Sciences
North Carolina State University

2004: Sarah A. Tessendorf
Department of Atmospheric Sciences
Colorado State University

2003: Jessica D. Lundquist
Scripps Institution of Oceanography

2002: Roberta Quadrelli
Department of Atmospheric Sciences
University of Washington

Right: Dr. Roger Jacobson and Dr. Vanda Grubišić (DRI) with 2007 winner, Ms. Ariane Verdy (center).