



# Updates

January, 2021

Hello SASTE!

It was great to connect with everyone who attended ASTE virtually. Seeing everyone on the computer screen really made me realize how much I miss visiting with my SASTE family members in person! This post-ASTE newsletter highlights some of the updates and information we received during our regional meeting.

## **SASTE 2021 Annual Meeting, Oct. 16, 2021**

Melanie Kinskey announced our SASTE 2021 annual meeting will have a face-to-face component that will be held in Downtown Safety Harbor, FL, which is located in the Tampa Bay area. Due to a change in the city-wide marathon, The Best Damn Race, rooms at our conference hotel are anticipated to sell out. If there is any possibility you will attend in person, we recommend you reserve your room now and cancel your reservation later if your plans change. You may cancel your reservation up to 3 days before check-in with no penalty. Details are below.

- Hotel name: Safety Harbor Resort and Spa
- \$129 per night, the \$16 resort fee is waived
- Do not book online, call the hotel directly at 727-726-1161 during business hours (9:00am - 5:00pm EST). Request to speak to someone "at the front desk of the hotel" to avoid reaching the call center, which does not have our group information.
- We have a block of rooms for Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

- When you call, provide the group code: 39M2J1 (or Southeast Association for Science Teacher Education annual conference)
- If you have any issues, email me (MelanieKinskey@gmail.com) and I'll connect you with the hotel staff for assistance.

## Recap of our Virtual 2020 Annual Meeting

Gina Childers hosted an extremely successful virtual meeting in the Fall. On October 4, 2020, we had an outstanding 101 conference attendees and 24 amazing presentations.

During that annual meeting, the following awardees were announced:

- Dr. Christine Lotter, University of South Carolina, received the Deborah Tippins Mentor Award
- Amber Adgerson, University of South Carolina, received the Eddie Griffen Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Position Paper for the paper titled: Utilization of Executive Functioning Skills to Address Black Male Achievement in Science

Congratulations to those awardees and thank you to all who attended and participated in our meeting last Fall!

## Mentoring

If you were unable to attend our regional meeting at ASTE, please complete the Google Form if you are interested in either serving as a mentor or having a mentor in SASTE.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSde0A8jlfF\\_MliO9VZbFR\\_QMI6UTTjXttiLAdg7NluVK42qig/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSde0A8jlfF_MliO9VZbFR_QMI6UTTjXttiLAdg7NluVK42qig/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## We are on Facebook!

If you are not already a member of our Facebook group, please join us!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/836160499779751>

We look forward to a new year with new opportunities! Please email me if you have any questions or ideas you would like to share ([MelanieKinskey@gmail.com](mailto:MelanieKinskey@gmail.com)). Have a wonderful spring semester!

Sincerely,

Your SASTE Leadership Team:

President, Dr. Melanie Kinskey

Past-President, Dr. Gina Childers

President-Elect: Dr. Shana Lee

Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Ryan Walker

ASTE Regional Representative, Dr. Jennifer Stark (formerly Jennifer Mesa)