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### **National Aeronautic Association honors AMA with prestigious Brewer Trophy for youth education outreach**

M U N C I E – At the National Aeronautics Association’s annual Fall Awards Banquet in Arlington, Virginia, on November 7, the Academy of Model Aeronautics was recognized for its longstanding commitment to education through aviation with the NAA’s Brewer Trophy – “For exemplary accomplishment and collaborative work with numerous aerospace organizations across the nation to assist students, teachers and community leaders in understanding the science, skill and beauty of flight.”

AMA’s Executive Vice President Mark Smith received the award from Jonathan Gaffney, president and CEO of the NAA. “I am particularly proud that the Academy of Model Aeronautics was named as a recipient,” said Gaffney in a media release. “For 75 years they have maintained a focus on aviation education, which has impacted millions of young people across the United States.”

Smith’s acceptance remarks included the fact that the Academy has enabled tens of thousands of teachers, community leaders and millions of students in formal and non-formal education settings to build and learn from flying miniature aircraft. In addition to working with tens of thousands of students in regional, state and national competitions for the Science Olympiad and the Technology Student Association, AMA has also given nearly \$800,000 in scholarships for college-bound seniors who almost exclusively pursue careers in engineering, technical and professional disciplines.

Throughout the past few years, AMA has signed formal agreements with the Civil Air Patrol, Experimental Aircraft Association, the FAA, the Soaring Society of America, Boy Scouts of America, 4H, Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum, the Commemorative Air Force and, most recently, Youth Aviation Adventure.

The Academy is strongly invested in STEM-related education programs. STEM - standing for science, technology, engineering and math - is best represented by the AMA’s AeroLab program for middle school students. It has received three grants of more than \$250,000 from the Alcoa Foundation to help teach students about the science disciplines through modeling.

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