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STEM Council and Kemin Industries Open Call for Nominations

2019 I.O.W.A. STEM Teacher Award accepting nominations of Iowa teachers

DES MOINES, IOWA – (Monday, August 20, 2018) – The Governor's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Advisory Council, in partnership with [Kemin Industries](#), has launched the fifth year of the I.O.W.A. STEM Teacher Award and will be accepting nominations through Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

The award recognizes one full-time, licensed PreK-12 teacher from each of the six STEM regions across the state for their passion in motivating their students to develop a lasting interest in STEM, both in and out of the classroom. The six teachers selected will each receive an award of \$1,500, with an additional \$1,500 for their classroom.

The Governor's STEM Advisory Council and Kemin Industries are eager to begin the fifth year of recognizing outstanding Iowa STEM educators and hope to honor all recipients over the past five years in the spring of 2019. This fifth year also marks an exciting update to the nomination process, with the addition of preschool educators as eligible recipients.

"It's inspirational to meet Iowa's many STEM educators and hear about the amazing educational experiences they are providing students," said Governor Kim Reynolds, STEM Council co-chair. "Today's students are our future workforce and I'm thankful that so many STEM educators are dedicated to ensuring our students are well-prepared for the jobs of tomorrow. That's why it's so important for us to support our educators in every way possible."

Anyone can nominate a teacher via stemaward.fluidreview.com through the deadline of Tuesday, October 9, 2018. Once nominated, teachers will fill out an application to be assessed by a panel of judges who will select the six award recipients. Honorees will be announced in January 2019.

"We are thrilled to be recognizing the outstanding work and great efforts of Iowa's STEM teachers for a fifth year," said Dr. Chris Nelson, President and CEO of Kemin Industries. "Educators who instill an interest and engage students in STEM are so important. They open the next generation's eyes to all the opportunities and potential careers that exist within STEM fields. At Kemin, STEM drives our work daily, and we're excited to see teachers developing Iowans who are eager to work in these areas."

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Governor's STEM Advisory Council

Established in July 2011 via Governor's Executive Order, the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council is a public-private partnership of educators, companies, and Iowa students and families addressing policies

and programs designed to improve Iowa's educational system focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The STEM Council works to engage and prepare students for a career-ready workforce path, regain our State's historic leadership position in education, and provide a vital competitive economic advantage now, and for the future, to ensure that every Iowa student has access to world-class STEM education opportunities. The 50-member Council is chaired by Governor Kim Reynolds and Accumold president and CEO Roger Hargens. For more information, visit www.iowaSTEM.gov.

About Kemin Industries

Kemin Industries (www.kemin.com) is a global ingredient manufacturer with a focus on improving the quality of life for over 3.8 billion people each day with more than 500 specialty ingredients made for the human and animal health, pet food, nutraceutical, food technology, crop technologies and textile industries.

For over half a century, Kemin has been dedicated to using applied science to address industry challenges and offers product solutions to customers in more than 120 countries. Kemin provides ingredients to feed a growing population with its commitment to the quality, safety and efficacy of food, feed and health-related products.

Established in 1961, Kemin is a privately-held, family-owned and operated company with more than 2,500 employees globally and operations in 90 countries, including manufacturing facilities in Belgium, Brazil, China, India, Italy, Russia, Singapore, South Africa and the United States.