2011 Hall of Fame Inductee

Kenneth R. Mares

Class of 1961

Kenneth R. Mares is committed to providing advanced science training and enrichment opportunities for pre-collegiate students and high school science teachers.

Mares earned a bachelor of arts degree

in zoology from the University of Missouri - Columbia in 1965 and a master of arts and doctorate in higher education administration from University of Missouri - Kansas City (UMKC) in 1968 and 1973. He became an assistant research professor at UMKC school of medicine and then assistant dean of arts and sciences at



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Washington University in St. Louis.

Since 1991, Mares has been the director of Students and Teachers As Research Scientists (STARS). Through mentorship and advanced training, high school STARS scientists are given the opportunity to conduct hands-on research and present their findings to their peers and mentors. With these unique experiences, they often attend colleges such as Harvard, MIT, Yale, Brown, Vanderbilt and Washington University, complete graduate training and have outstanding careers in science.

Mares received the UMKC Doctoral Fellowship in 1970, Young Outstanding Men of America Award in 1973, Philanthropist of the Year from Life Skills Foundation in 2000, St. Louis Educator's Award from the Academy of Science in 2006, Gateway Tiger Distinguished Service Award from UMC in 2006, and Fostering Science Research Award from the Missouri Consortium for Science Research in 2007.