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MSUE educator honored by Michigan Science Teachers Association

The Board of the Michigan Science Teachers Association (MSTA) announced that Steve Stewart has been selected as the 2015 Informal Science Educator.

The winner was chosen for unique and extraordinary accomplishments, active leadership, scholarly contributions and direct and substantial contributions to the improvement of non-school-based science education over a significant period of time. Employed by [Michigan State University Extension](http://www.msu.edu/extension) since 1977, Stewart is a senior educator with Michigan Sea Grant Extension, currently working in Macomb County. Stewart will be honored at an awards ceremony during a special dinner at the 2015 MSTA Conference in February.

Stewart helped develop Sea Grant Extension's 4-H Great Lakes Camp in 1983; co-founded the Great Lakes Education Program, which has served more than 100,000 students and teachers since 1991; developed the Summer Discovery Cruises program in 2002; and was a co-founder of the regional Center for Great Lakes Literacy, which focuses on providing professional development opportunities for K-12 teachers and informal educators.

"This award means a lot because it's very rewarding when recognition comes from your peers," said Stewart. "And this is a reflection of the efforts of many, not just myself, because what I've accomplished has been with the help of Sea Grant and Extension colleagues, as well as incredible teachers with whom I've had the pleasure of working."

"Steve Stewart has formed excellent relationships with local educators, school and community groups, and environmental professionals," added Steve Gold, director of Macomb County's Health and Community Services. "His passion and dedication have had a great impact, enhancing knowledge about, and stewardship of, our priceless Great Lakes resources. We are proud of his accomplishments and thankful for his continued dedication."

Michigan State University Extension, under the auspices of Macomb County's Health and Community Services Department, helps people improve their lives by bringing a vast array of resources to the residents of Macomb County. For more information about Macomb MSU Extension, call (586) 469-5180.

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them to improve their lives and community. County-based MSUE staff, in concert with on-campus faculty members, serve residents with programming focused on agriculture, natural resources, children, youth, families, and community and economic development.

