

2009 ATA Outstanding Service Award Winners

The ATA presented two Outstanding Service Awards at the August 3, 2009 luncheon in New York City. The awards were presented to Mark Higgins and Beth Kern.

Mark Higgins

The 2009 ATA Outstanding Service Award was presented to Professor Mark Higgins, Dean and the Alfred J. Verrecchia—Hasbro Inc. Leadership Chair in Business at the University of Rhode Island. Mark received his Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee. Professor Higgins has been actively involved in the ATA for 20 years. During this period he has served as President, Vice-President of Finance, Vice-President, Secretary and Trustee. Professor Higgins has also has been continuously involved in committee work within the ATA where his contributions have been very much appreciated. Mark has served as Chair of the following ATA committees: Long-Range Planning, Tax Section of Northeast Regional Meeting, Mid-Year Meeting, Innovation in Tax Education, Curriculum and Accreditation, ATA Annual Program, and 150-Hour Requirement. Mark has served on numerous other ATA committees over the past 20 years and has also been an Associate Editor of JATA. Professor Higgins has been an integral part of the success of the ATA during his years of membership and is a most deserving recipient of the 2009 Outstanding Service Award.

Beth Kern

The 2009 ATA Outstanding Service Award was presented to Professor Beth Kern at Indiana University South Bend. Beth received her Ph.D. from Indiana University. Prior to coming to Indiana University South Bend, Beth was a faculty member at Notre Dame University. Professor Kern has been actively involved in the ATA for 20 years. Beth has served in numerous ATA positions. She has served as President, Vice President, Trustee and on the Editorial Board of JATA. Professor Kern has served as the Chair of the following ATA committees: Long Range Planning, Nominations, Midyear Site Selection, Midyear Meeting, and Dissertation of the Year Award. Beth has been involved representing the ATA with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. She has been on the AICPA Pre-Certification Education Executive Committee and the Joint AICPA/ATA Task Force on Model Tax Curriculum. Professor Kern has also represented the ATA's interest with the American Accounting Association as a Council Member. Beth has been an important part of the leadership of the ATA during her years of membership and is a most deserving recipient of the 2009 Outstanding Service Award.