

## **Williston API Honors Winners of Achievement Awards**

**November 17, 2018, Williston, ND** – The Williston Basin Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute (Williston API) announces the winners of the seventh annual Achievement Awards. The Williston API Achievement Awards celebrate the many positive contributions and accomplishments of the oil and gas industry throughout the Williston Basin.

### **Industry Innovation Award – iPIPE**

The Industry Innovation Award recognizes significant achievement for advancements in technology, systems, processes and the application thereof in the oil and gas industry in the Williston Basin.

This year's award was presented to intelligent Pipeline Integrity Program (iPIPE), a consortium of pipeline operators in North Dakota aimed at improving leak detection and prevention in gathering pipelines in America's oil fields. Managed by the EERC and led by founders Hess Corporation, Equinor (formerly Statoil), Oasis Midstream Partners, Goodnight Midstream, ONEOK, DCP Midstream, and Andeavor, the program solicits proposals from technology providers to co-develop and demonstrate their promising technologies collaboratively with these pipeline operators.

### **Community Service Award – Oasis Petroleum**

The Community Service Award seeks to recognize individuals and organizations for their commitment to their community and contributions to community service. Nominee's contributions of time and resources bolster community pride, enable local non-profit's to meet their missions, strengthen our community boards of directors, and help solve community challenges.

This year's award was presented to Oasis' Petroleum for their positive impact on the communities in which it operates by supporting a variety of activities and by promoting employee volunteerism. Contributing to special charities and local communities to which it belongs is how Oasis stays true to its core values. Oasis' goal is to ensure that the organization imparts positive impact back to the community in which employees work and live. It is committed to responsibly deploying financial resources, time and talent in ways that yield tangible and measurable results.

### **Outstanding Achievement – Tractor & Equipment Co. and Bob Reynolds**

The Outstanding Achievement Award identifies individuals and organizations deserving of recognition for an activity or accomplishment that can be described as an outstanding achievement in the Williston Basin. The award is presented to one notable group and individual each year.

Tractor & Equipment Co. was presented the Outstanding Achievement – Group Award. Tractor & Equipment has a long history in the Bakken region, dating back to its founding in 1929 in Sidney, MT. From the construction of T&E's Williston West facility during the first oil boom in 1980, to the 2012 addition of T&E's Cat Rental Store and Power Systems, T&E has continually dedicated itself to meeting the growing demands and expectations of the Bakken region. T&E's management and employees have

always strived to develop a partnering, solution-based relationship with all their CAT customers operating in the Williston Basin.

Bob Reynolds was presented the Outstanding Achievement – Individual Award. Through booms and busts, Bob Reynolds has been a hard-working member of the industry for most of his life. He's worked for notable companies like Halliburton and Baker Hughes, before founding Basin Tools in 1979. He has a vast knowledge of downhole completion tools, and uses that knowledge to assist other companies in the Williston Basin. He is recognized among friends and colleagues for putting the needs of others before his own, and for taking care of the people he works with. His commitment, loyalty, honesty and integrity, are the qualities that make him a leader in the community.

### **Special Awards - Bill Dutton, JoAnn Callahan, and Jerry Illerbrun**

Each year the Williston API selects individuals deserving awards of the highest honor. Those are the Volunteer-of-the-Year, Lifetime Achievement and new this year, MVP.

The Volunteer-of-the-Year Award recognizes unselfish and dedicated service to the oil and gas industry in the Williston Basin that has made a significant difference and mirrors our organization's goals to participate, educate, and engage. This individual or company must have a membership in good standing. The importance of volunteers to our industry cannot be overestimated and the efforts that are put forth deserve our heartiest congratulations and recognition. Congratulations to Bill Dutton for the 2018 Volunteer-of-the-Year Award.

The MVP Award recognizes an individual or company in good standing, that volunteers their time within the oil & gas industry, as a role model who demonstrates work-related and community-based goals to which others aspire. They are determined to overcome challenges and obstacles they may face internally or stand by others who need their support and always willing to extend a helping hand and displays exemplary service, leadership, commitment, selfless devotion & dedication. The criteria is based on time, engagement & fundraising. Congratulations to JoAnn Callahan for the 2018 MVP Award.

The Life Time Achievement Award recognizes leaders who have made significant contributions to the development of oil and natural gas in North Dakota. The criteria for the award include at least 25 years of work in the oil and gas industry with the majority of that time being spent in the Williston Basin. In addition, the recipient must have contributed significantly to the functions and activities representing oil and gas in North Dakota and be committed to the industry and organization's well-being. Congratulations to Gerald "Jerry" Illerbrun for the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award.

### **Williston API and the Williston Petroleum Banquet**

The awards were presented during the Williston Petroleum Banquet held on November 16, 2018 at the Grand Williston Hotel. The evening included a program featuring award presentations and a special keynote address by Hang Nguyen, Asset Manager for the Williston Basin at Equinor. Industry participants and community leaders gathered to enjoy fine dining, networking and entertainment by comedian John DeBoer in celebration of the oil and gas industry in the Williston Basin.

More information about the Williston API and API Achievement Awards is available at [www.WillistonAPI.com](http://www.WillistonAPI.com).

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