

Annual Achievement Award

The Annual Achievement Award is reserved for an individual or group of people who have shown exceptional service by recruiting and coordinating volunteers, while significantly contributing to the Chamber of Commerce and/or the Rolla community over the past year.

This year's award is presented to the Celebration of Nations Committee for their efforts in growing the annual Celebration of Nations event.

2016 served as the seventh consecutive year that the Missouri University of Science and Technology, in collaboration with the City of Rolla, hosted Celebration of Nations in downtown Rolla. This event is one of the largest multi-cultural, family-friendly events in mid Missouri. The theme of the event each year is One Campus. One Community. One World.

The Parade of Nations begins on campus, travels through downtown, and ends at the City of Rolla Festival Lots and Band Shell. The 2016 parade featured over 80 countries with flags, themed floats, traditional dress, music and dancing, all celebrating the rich cultural diversity of the campus and Rolla community. The Celebrate Talent competition gives the students, faculty and members of the area communities an opportunity to present their talent.

The festival showcases various countries with international flavor featuring authentic food, and educational presentations. The event is presented each year by the International and Cultural Affairs Department at S&T.

Created in 2010, the event was developed to and provide opportunities for the campus and the community to come together to taste different international cuisines, create multicultural arts & crafts, while enjoying cultural entertainment. The committee and international students make visits throughout the year to area schools, educating the children about other cultures around the world and the various countries represented on the S&T campus.

Children are provided souvenir passports to utilize when they visit the festival booths and receive stamps in the passports. With ten stamps, the children are presented with International Ambassador Certificates. Games and craft projects are also offered to the children at the Kids Station.