The following recipients of the 2016 NAGC Annemarie Roeper Global Awareness Awards will be recognized at the NAGC Conference Global Awareness November 6, 2016, 8:00 AM Sunday session, “Global Awareness Connections: Bring Your Own . . .” where attendees will join Linda Silverman, Stephanie Tolan, and Patricia Gatto-Walden to synthesize their NAGC convention experience and celebrate their work in nurturing the lives of gifted children by sharing insights, reflections, and intentions for the upcoming year.

**Michael M. Piechowski**

The 2016 NAGC Annemarie Roeper Global Awareness Network Award honors Michael M. Piechowski (pictured at left with Annemarie Roeper). He is a Senior Fellow at the Institute for Educational Advancement and Professor Emeritus, Northland College, Ashland, Wisconsin. Piechowski is a contributor to the *Handbook of Gifted Education* and the *Encyclopedia of Creativity*, co-editor with Susan Daniels of *Living with Intensity*, and with T. Neville and S. S. Tolan of *Off the Charts: Asynchrony and the Gifted Child*. His studies of self-actualizing people and moral exemplars—notably Eleanor Roosevelt, Etty Hillesum, and Peace Pilgrim—led him to the study of emotional and spiritual giftedness. Piechowski received Masters in Science in Plant Physiology from his hometown of Poznan, Poland at the Adam Mickiewicz University and later obtained a Ph. D. in molecular biology from the University of Wisconsin–Madison. While teaching at University of Alberta, Edmonton, he met and worked for eight years with Dr. Kazimierz Dabrowski, during which time he returned to the University of Wisconsin to obtain a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology. Piechowski translated the work of Dabrowski, which holds explanatory power for the intensity, sensitivity and emotional development of the gifted. In addition to the United States, Piechowski has given presentations and workshops in New Zealand, Australia, and Poland. Since 2002 he has been involved with the Yunasa summer camp for highly gifted youth, organized by the Institute for Educational Advancement. In 2010 he received the Rossmiller Distinguished Service Award from the Wisconsin Association for Talented and Gifted. In 2016, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from SENG. He lives in Madison, Wisconsin.

The 2016 NAGC Annemarie Roeper Global Awareness Award honors the organization, Future Problem Solving Program International (FPS), a dynamic international program involving hundreds of thousands of students annually from around the world. Developed in 1974 by creativity pioneer Dr. E. Paul Torrance, FPS provides competitive and non-competitive components for today’s curriculum via a six-step model that teaches critical and creative thinking, problem solving, and decision-making. FPS provides opportunities for students to understand varying perspectives and to grapple with complex issues, promotes positive social action, fosters caring for the Earth, facilitates interaction amongst differing cultures, and offers a venue to respond to concerns about the future.

Michael M. Piechowski and Future Problem Solving Program International (FPS), were nominated and judged to receive the award because their work aligns with that of Annemarie Roeper by advocating for gifted children to develop a strong sense of self, promoting positive social action and strategies for gifted individuals to understand the perspectives of others, providing opportunities for global interdependence and diversity, facilitating peacemaking, and fostering the care of the Earth. Also, the work of Michael Piechowski and FPS reflects Annemarie Roeper’s profound insights into the multifaceted inner world of gifted children and her deep understanding of the need to foster global awareness to reflect the unique perspectives of gifted children and to respond to their inherent concerns about the future world they live in.