On 22 April 2022, COTE announced its 2021-2022 COTE award recipients.

The awards fall into three main categories:

**COTE Exemplar Awards** recognize individuals or groups with significant accomplishments promoting the sustainable use of natural resources or the protection of ecological systems.

Individuals who have a record of continual significant achievements are further recognized by the awarding of a "COTE Exemplar Lifetime Achievement Award".

**COTE Green Initiative Awards** recognize everyday activities, decisions or contributions that help to move Ball State University (and its near-surround community) toward sustainability. Their purpose is to reward discrete contributions rather than a history of multiple accomplishments.

**COTE Service Awards** recognize past individual service on or to the BSU Council on the Environment.

**COTE Award Recipients 2022**

**COTE Exemplar Award for Lifetime Achievement**

**DR. CHERYL LEBLANC**  
COMMUNITY MEMBER

This Council on the Environment Exemplar Award for Lifetime Achievement is presented to Dr. Cheryl LeBlanc in recognition of her commitment to the Environment and a lifetime of work toward public understanding of the complex issues that bear upon the stewardship of natural resources. This is demonstrated through her educational outreach and ongoing curation of the Rinard Orchid Greenhouse.
COTE Green Initiative Award

DR. LEE FLOREA AND DR. ADAM KUBAN

This Council on the Environment Green Initiative Award is presented to Dr. Lee Florea and Dr. Adam Kuban in recognition of their commitment to environmental stewardship as demonstrated by creating, expanding and teaching the immersive learning course collaboration of GEOL 462/NEWS 397, which contributed to grant applications for removal of Mississinewa River logjams and establishment of an online and mobile app presence.

COTE Service Awards

Steve Fulton

Ashley Hutchison