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BVW teacher to be inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame this week

This week Blue Valley West biology teacher Ken Bingman will be honored for his 46-year dedication to the field of education. He will officially be inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia, Kan., on June 19.

Bingman teaches AP and Honors Biology and is the seventh teacher from Kansas to be inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame. He is the first teacher from Blue Valley.

Bingman has been honored with numerous awards during his tenure in education, including being inducted into the Kansas Teachers Hall of Fame, Presidential Award Winner for Excellence in Teaching Science, National Biology Teacher of the Year, and Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher to Japan. He was also selected as a member of a working group by the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. to write the National Science Education Standards. He was named National Space Educator of the year and has taught science in China, the former Soviet Union, Fiji, Australia and Tanzania, Africa. This school year, he was named a Kansas Master Teacher as well.

Bingman was surprised in April with the National Teachers Hall of Fame announcement at an assembly at the school.

"I dedicate this to you, my students. It is you who inspires me to teach," Bingman said. "I hope you develop the skills to be lifelong learners."

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