

October 4th, 2013- Address to DOE's Housing Innovation Awards

The Excellence in Building Science Education Award is a joint effort between the National Consortium of Housing Research Centers, the Consortium's Joint Committee on Building Science Education and the U.S. Department of Energy to advance the state of building science curricula across the United States and Canada. Through its diversity of members, the Consortium's vision is to be *the* recognized source of housing industry information in North America, through quality initiatives in research, education, extension and outreach, industry participation and, more recently, building science education.

This year's Excellence in Building Science Education Award goes to Patrick Huelman. Patrick Huelman is an Associate Extension Professor in the Department of Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering at the University of Minnesota. Huelman serves as the Joint Committee's Task Group Chair on Criteria for Excellence in Building Science Curricula and is the Principal Investigator and Team Lead for the NorthernSTAR Building America Partnership, a DOE and Building America initiative. Huelman's work in professional education for the home building industry "has been recognized for its 'systems approach' to improving overall housing performance, with a focus on energy efficiency, long-term durability, indoor air quality, and environmental responsibility."

[at this point I would like to invite Professor Huelman onto the stage]

Please join us in congratulating Professor Huelman, his work in teaching building science is exemplary and is preparing a generation to produce buildings that are energy efficient, healthy, comfortable, and durable.

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