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## Brandwein Institute Awards Brandwein Medal to E.O. Wilson Remotely

**March 28, 2020:** The Brandwein Institute announced today that the Brandwein Medal, the Institute's premiere award for conservation education, was awarded to Edward O. Wilson, famed biologist, naturalist, and Pulitzer Prize author. The award was originally scheduled to be presented at the National Science Teaching Association's Annual Meeting on April 4, in Boston. NSTA cancelled its meeting due to the coronavirus outbreak. So Dr. Wilson received the award through the U.S. Postal Service, with the promise of a formal ceremony to come this summer once the virus subsides.

The Brandwein Medal, established in 2006, is bestowed upon individuals and/or organizations whose focus is in keeping with Paul and Mary Brandwein's commitment to education, life-long learning, nature, and community. It comprises a bronze medallion engraved with the likeness of Paul Brandwein.



Brandwein Board Member Dan Bisaccio meets with E.O. Wilson to discuss the Medal presentation.

Dr. Wilson is the world's leading authority on myrmecology, or the study of ants, and is often dubbed as "a Darwin for the modern day." He is recognized as one of the creators of two scientific disciplines (island biogeography and sociobiology), three unifying concepts for science and the humanities jointly (biophilia, biodiversity studies, and consilience), and one major technological advance in the study of global biodiversity (the Encyclopedia of Life). He is currently Honorary Curator in Entomology and University Research Professor Emeritus, Harvard University.

The Brandwein Medal recognizes his lifetime of inspiring new generations to experience, embrace, and love nature. Dr. Wilson is quoted as saying, "*Nature holds the key to our aesthetic, intellectual, cognitive and even spiritual satisfaction.*"

### ***About the Brandwein Institute ([brandwein.org](http://brandwein.org))***

Guided by Paul and Mary Brandwein's work in science and conservation education, the Brandwein Institute, incorporated in 1995, is dedicated to the education of all learners in recognition of their interdependence with nature and responsibility for sustaining a healthful and healing environment. The Institute hosts major conferences on Conservation Issues and Inspiring New Generations, sponsors the Brandwein Lecture each year at the National Science Teachers Association Annual Meeting, and developed and maintains the Brandwein Nature Learning Preserve in Unionville, NY. Programs at the Preserve include Brandwein Institute Summer Science Camps, Sundays at the Preserve, and Search for Eagles. The Institute is headquartered in the Town of Greenville, Orange County, NY.