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The Public Service Award is bestowed to faculty with outstanding service to the public. The Public Service Award is presented by the UT National Alumni Association.

2011 Public Service Award

Larry Taylor
This year's UT Alumni Association Public Service Award goes to Larry Taylor, Distinguished Professor in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences and director of the Tennessee Space Consortium. Taylor is one of the world's most foremost lunar scientists. He is passionate about engaging students and teachers, especially secondary educators in East Tennessee and the Southeast.

He regularly looks for, receives, and distributes NASA funding to students and organizations for space research and scholarship. He works with the Teachers Resource Distribution Center to help provide space and engineering educational materials for teachers at no cost. He is working closely with Knoxville College to collaborate with their students and establish a program that will allow them to use science and engineering labs on the UT campus. He's done all this and more with very little fanfare, all while maintaining a world-class research program at UT.