



University of Tennessee, Knoxville
**Trace: Tennessee Research and Creative
Exchange**

Chancellor's Honors/Citations

Office of the Chancellor

2008

Alumni Public Service Award (2008)

Susan Riechert

Follow this and additional works at: http://trace.tennessee.edu/utk_chanhonor

Recommended Citation

Riechert, Susan, "Alumni Public Service Award (2008)" (2008). *Chancellor's Honors/Citations*.
http://trace.tennessee.edu/utk_chanhonor/74

This Newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by the Office of the Chancellor at Trace: Tennessee Research and Creative Exchange. It has been accepted for inclusion in Chancellor's Honors/Citations by an authorized administrator of Trace: Tennessee Research and Creative Exchange. For more information, please contact trace@utk.edu.


[Office of the Chancellor »](#)
[Chancellor's Honors 2008 »](#) [Public Service Award](#)
[About the Chancellor](#)
[Chancellor's Cabinet](#)
[Advisory Groups](#)
[Announcements](#)
[Chancellor's Honors](#)
[Chancellor's Professors](#)
[Religious and Cultural Holidays](#)
[Honorary Degrees](#)
[Policy Central](#)
[Chancellor's website](#) [utk.edu](#)

Public Service Award

Presented by the UT National Alumni Association

Dr. SUSAN Riechert, professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, has been involved in numerous outreach activities, but the most successful and far-reaching is her "Biology in a Box" project. Biology in a Box is an innovative approach to teaching life sciences within the curriculum at all grade levels. Each biology box contains exercises and associated materials that introduce students to the scientific methods and math skills used to explore and understand nature. In addition to developing the boxes, Riechert holds workshops for teachers to train them in the boxes' use.

Teacher clamor to get a place in Riechert's workshops, and with good reason: The classrooms where teachers are trained to use the boxes saw anywhere from a 2- to 12-percent increase in standardized test scores. Currently, Biology in a Box has more than 600 boxes in 31 school systems across the state.

