



## National Hearing Conservation Association

### NATIONAL HEARING CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION PRESENTS 2007 MICHAEL BEALL THREADGILL AWARD

The National Hearing Conservation Association (NHCA) is pleased to announce that it has presented James Lankford, Ph.D with its 2007 Michael Beall Threadgill Award. Dr. Lankford is receiving the award for his ongoing and substantial contributions to hearing loss prevention. The award will be presented on February 17, 2007 during the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual NHCA Conference in Savannah, GA.

For more than 30 years, Dr. Lankford has worked as an audiology professor at Northern Illinois University (NIU) in DeKalb, IL. During this time, he served as a researcher, teacher, model audiologist, clinical coordinator, thesis supervisor and program coordinator. Dr. Lankford ultimately retired as Dean of the NIU College of Health and Human Sciences. His exemplary research and teaching have had tremendous influence in educational, agricultural and medical settings in both the U.S. and South Africa. In particular, his research addressing noise-induced hearing loss among agricultural workers contributed significantly to the field of hearing loss prevention.

Dr. Lankford joined NHCA in 1987, and has made numerous technical contributions to the association. Also, while president of NHCA, he traveled to Washington D.C. on two occasions to facilitate the original NHCA/OSHA alliance that currently exists between the two organizations (<http://www.osha.gov/dcsp/alliances/nhca/nhca.html>). Finally, as president of the NHCA Foundation (which funds student conference and research scholarship award) since its incorporation in 2002, Dr. Lankford has helped bring future professionals into the area of hearing conservation.

This NHCA award, initially designated the Outstanding Leadership and Service to NHCA award, was renamed in 1990 in memory of Michael B. Threadgill. The award is conferred annually if a suitable candidate is identified. The National Hearing Conservation Association, established in 1976, is the only professional organization dedicated to prevent hearing loss due to noise and other environmental factors in all sectors of society. For more information about NHCA, visit [www.hearingconservation.org](http://www.hearingconservation.org).

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