

OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

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STEPHEN P. ROBERTS, Ph.D. Class of 1986



After graduation from Ottawa Township High School Stephen Roberts attended the University of Iowa before graduating magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences as well as a Master of Science Degree in biological sciences, both from Illinois State University. He then acquired a Ph.D. in Biology from Arizona State University. After receiving his Ph.D. he was a post-doctoral research associate at the University of Chicago, and then joined the University of Nevada at Las Vegas as a professor, rising to the position of Director of Life Science Core Laboratories. In 2009 he became Professor and Chair of the Department of Biology at Central Michigan University, and served in that capacity until 2014. In 2014 he was appointed Vice Provost and Founding Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Business as well as Professor of Biology at Missouri University of Science and Technology. His research projects and numerous professional publications have centered around insect physiology, particularly in honey bees, flight aerodynamics and energetics, stress tolerance, learning and memory, aging and senescence. Among the many awards received by Dr. Roberts he was acknowledged as the Outstanding Graduate of the Graduate College of Arizona State University in 1998, UNLV Professor of the Year in 2004, the Herman E. Brockman Distinguished Alumni Seminar in Environmental Genetics, Department of the Biological Sciences at Illinois State University in 2006, in 2007 the Distinguished Service Award from the UNLV College of Sciences, a National Science Foundation "Highlights" recognition for honey bee aging research, and in 2014 the CMU Professor's Merit Award and Antarctica Service Medal from the National Science Foundation.