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Bryan Page, Brenntag North America, Receives Inaugural Larry Sernyk Community Champion Award

Honor received at 2023 National You Be The Chemist Challenge® in Houston, Texas

ARLINGTON, VA – CEF announces that Bryan Page, Director Commercial Support Services – Key Accounts for Brenntag North America Key Accounts Team, is the first winner of the Larry Sernyk Community Champion Award for his longstanding commitment to volunteerism and Brenntag employee engagement.

The award was presented to Mr. Page by its namesake, Dr. Larry Sernyk, a long-time fellow volunteer and friend.

Mr. Page has been supporting students and teachers in Pennsylvania for over a decade, first working with and then leading his Brenntag colleagues on the expansion of CEF's work in Pennsylvania from Berks County into the Lehigh Valley and then Lancaster County. He says that "Brenntag is providing this support to invest in students who will someday be working for Brenntag."

Mr. Page supports educators with classroom materials for CEF's Activity Guides and provides professional development opportunities for educators through Brenntag. According to Jennifer Trout, a teacher in Berks County, he "develops great long-term relationships with educators in the community and is great at follow-up with commitments."

Mr. Page has been particularly influential in supporting CEF's flagship science competition, the *You Be The Chemist* Challenge, by connecting Brenntag staff to CEF across the country to help expand The Challenge and by organizing Regional Challenge events in Pennsylvania using Brenntag volunteer staff.

CEF and Brenntag also have a long history, beginning with past Brenntag CEO Steve Clark's role as a founder of CEF in 1989. CEF's current President of the Board of Trustees is Robert Moser, Global Vice President for Corporate Relations & Government Affairs for Brenntag, and Brenntag presented the 2022-2023 *You Be The Chemist* Activity Guides®.

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