



In 1967, the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District of Key Club International created the George A. Payton award to recognize club advisors for going beyond the call of duty. In 1974, Mr. Raymond S. Blunt was added to the award name. Thus it was known as the Payton/Blunt Outstanding Key Club Advisor Award.

In 2005, Mr. Lawrence Kay was added. Mr. Kay served as a District Adult Committee member since 1968 and as a Past Key Club Advisor for Prosser High. Mr. Kay was the District Advisor Emeritus before passing away in January 2005. The first Payton/Blunt/Kay Outstanding Key Club Advisor Award was awarded on Saturday, April 9, 2005, at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual I-I District Key Club Convention.

**1966-67**

Arthur L. Himmel, Chicago

**1967-68**

Father Gerald J. Leahy, Springfield

**1968-69**

Howard G. Smith, Rochelle

**1969-70**

William Scharringhausen, Park Ridge

**1970-71**

Harold H. Hayward, Chicago

**1971-72**

Leo Cardelli, Franklin Park

**1972-73**

Lawrence Kay, Prosser, Chicago

**1973-74**

Raymond S. Blunt (Posthumously), Chicago  
First Recipient of Payton/Blunt Award

**1974-75** - Dave Goerne, Streator

**1975-76**

Verne Derx, Chicago

**1976-77**

Virgil Boucher, Peoria

**1977-78**

No Recipient

**1978-79**

Raymond Newman, Chicago

**1979-80**

Bob Hall, Murphysboro

**1980-81**

Gerald F. McConnell, Peoria

**1981-82**

Greg Koncos, Schaumburg

**1982-83**

Bill Warner, St.. Charles

**1983-84**

Sally Morris, Springfield

**1984-85**

Howard Noreen, DeKalb

**1985-86**

Gene Jeske, Naperville

**1986-87**

Amron Buchanan, Kewanee

**1987-88**

Ron Roberts, Peoria

**1988-89**

Conrad Kohlman, Dubuque, IA

**1989-90**

Paul Palazzolo, Sacred/Heart Griffin,  
Springfield

**1990-91**

Don Day, Richton Park

**1991-92**

No Recipient

**1992-93**

Ken Knowles, Kewanee  
Marianne Kot, Hinsdale South

**1993-94**

No Recipient

**1994-95**

Ken Whitmore, Rockford  
Betty Petersen, Morrisonville

**1995-96**

Clark Blade, Faculty Advisor, Chatham-Glenwood  
Jim Eggert, Kiwanis Advisor, Hinsdale South

**1996-97**

Jim Even, Faculty Advisor, Naperville North  
Jim Jennings, Kiwanis Advisor, Byron

**1997-98**

Mary McFatrige, Faculty Advisor, Paris  
Barb Berman, Kiwanis Advisor, Rockford  
Auburn

**1998-99**

Leslie Fenster, Faculty Advisor, Whitney  
Young  
Clarence Hinson, Kiwanis Advisor, Geneseo

**1999-2000**

Vicki Robinson, Faculty Advisor, Geneseo  
Bernard Laposky, Kiwanis Advisor, Rockford

**2000-01**

Sue Bauer, Faculty Advisor, Batavia  
Margaret Toniny, Kiwanis Advisor, Peoria  
Notre Dame

**2001-02**

Brad Brittin, Faculty Advisor, Streator  
Mary Anne Arenson, Kiwanis Advisor,  
Pecatonica

**2002-03**

Kathy Burke, Faculty Advisor, Limestone  
Toney Xidis, Kiwanis Advisor, Sycamore

**2003-04**

Pam Novotnak, Faculty Advisor, Pecatonica

**2004-05**

James Gemske, Kiwanis Advisor,  
Amundsen  
First Recipient of Payton/Blunt/Kay  
Award

**2005-06**

Gene Van de Woestyne, Kiwanis Advisor,  
Burlington  
Gretchen Sauer, Faculty Advisor,  
Downer's Grove South

**2006-07**

Cynthia Baldwin, Peoria Manual

**2008-09**

Marnie Heim, Faculty Advisor, Batavia  
James Wells, Kiwanis Advisor,  
Murphysboro