



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 7, 2021

Contact: Kayleigh Harrison
407-304-0145
pr@hamcation.com

Neil Rapp named Recipient of 2021 Carole Perry Educator of the Year Award Announced

HamCation is excited to announce Neil Rapp, WB9VPG, as the 2021 recipient of the Carole Perry Educator of the Year Award. This award is bestowed upon an individual who has made an outstanding contribution educating and advancing youth in Amateur Radio. It was first awarded in 2018 to its namesake, Carole Perry, WB2MGP, in honor of her work as an educator teaching students about ham radio.

Neil has been an educational professional for over 28 years and currently teaches chemistry at Bloomington High School South. He is also the school's Amateur Radio Club sponsor and has introduced 3600 students and parents to amateur radio through his involvement in the organization. Among his many achievements as an educator, he was able to send an experiment involving protein crystallization to the International Space Center. He also mentored 2013 Newsline Young Ham of the Year and ARRL Goldfarb scholarship recipient, Padraig Lysandrou, KC9UUS. He is the 2021 Youth on the Air Camp Director.

Neil became a licensed amateur radio operator at 5 years old and now holds an Extra class radio license. He was the world's youngest operator. He is the host and founder of the amateur radio podcast Ham Talk Live! He is a member of AMSAT, a life member of ARRL and was the youngest person to both join and be eligible to be a member of QCWA.

Orlando HamCation has been sponsored by the Orlando Amateur Radio Club since 1946 which is held annually on the second weekend of February. HamCation has grown to become the second largest hamfest in the world. Attendance has grown an average of 1500 people for the past 8 years, with last year's event having 24,200 attendees. HamCation 2022 is February 11-13, 2022.

###