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## **Karger receives forestry award**

Ned Karger, silvicultural manager at Kane Hardwood, was awarded the Robert W. Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry Award at the annual Allegheny Society of American Foresters (ASAF) meeting held recently in Lancaster. The ASAF includes chapters and divisions within N.J., Md., Del., W.Va. and Pa.

The award is presented to recognize professional achievement in the field of forestry, leadership within the SAF (Society of American Foresters) and service to local and regional organizations. Karger has worked for Kane Hardwood since 1983. Kane Hardwood is a Division of the Collins Companies. He is a 1979 graduate of Penn State with a B.S. in forest science. Prior to coming to Kane Hardwood, he was employed by Hammermill Paper Co., the U.S. Forest Service and the USFS Forestry Sciences Lab.

Karger has been a SAF Certified Forester since 1998 and has served in a variety of leadership positions within SAF since 1996, including chairman of the Pennsylvania Division. He has served on the steering committee for the Roach Bauer Forestry Forum since 1985 and was recently named chairman. He has also served on boards or committees of the Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group, Kane Area Logging Safety Committee, Penn State College of Agriculture Ag Council, the Northern Allegheny Project Watershed ORganization and the Pa. DCNR Ecosystem Management Advisory Council.

Locally, he has been active in Kane Players for many years and has presented forestry-related educational programs to students of all levels in Kane surrounding schools.

He lives in Kane with his wife, Lynda, son Casey and daughter Jesse.



*Dr. Kim Steiner, left, forestry professor at Penn State and chairman of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters, congratulates Ned Karger on his award.*