Murray F. Buell ascribed great importance to the participation of students at meetings and to excellence in the presentation of papers. To honor his dedication to the Ecological Society of America and to the younger generation of ecologists, this award is presented to a student for the outstanding oral presentation at the Society’s annual meeting.

The 1989 winner of the award is Don R. Levitan for his paper, “The effect of body size regulation on the population ecology of the sea urchin Diadema antillarum.” Don received his bachelor’s degree from Boston University and his Ph.D. from the Ecology Program at the University of Delaware in May 1989, where his advisor was Ronald H. Karlson. Don is currently a post-doctoral associate at the University of Alberta.

Receiving honorable mention citations were Martha E. Mather of Ohio State University for her paper, “Fish predation and its role in influencing the interaction between two sympatric crayfish species,” and Robert D. Podolsky of the University of Florida for his paper, “Seasonal andromonoecy and pollinator attraction in Besleria triflora (Gesneriaceae): a field experiment.”