



METRO EDUCATION COMMISSION

PIMA COUNTY · CITY OF TUCSON
**PAST AWARD
HONOREES**
BEGINNING IN 1991

2024

JWV Lifetime Achievement Honoree of the Year - Dr. Linda Arzoumanian, former Pima County Superintendent of Schools

Youth of the Year - Silvia Mwibeleca, Student, Andrada Polytechnic High School

Teacher of the Year - Maura McKechnie, Dodge Traditional Magnet Middle School

Counselor of the Year - Stephanie Arnold, Sunnyside High School

Outstanding College Advocate - Symara Duarte, Coordinator, Outreach and Scholarship, Pima Community College

Outstanding Student Leader - Aliyah Ravenell, Student, Desert Sky Middle School

Outstanding Service to Community - Literacy Connects

Outstanding Service to Community - SARSEF

Outstanding Community Partner - UArizona Project Outreach FAMILIA

Student-Serving Financial Institution of the Year - Vantage West Credit Union

2023

Lifetime Achievement Award - Adelita Grijalva, Pima County Supervisor and Commissioner

Dr. June Webb-Vignery Advocate Award - Governor Katie Hobbs, The State of Arizona

Outstanding Teacher - John Contreras, Pueblo High School

Outstanding Youth - Casandra Chavarria, Sunnyside High School

Honorable Mention - Sarai Juarez, Sunnyside High School

Outstanding Student Leader - Hakima Abdulkadir, Sunnyside High School

Outstanding Counselor - Ashley Tellez, Desert View High School

Outstanding Higher Education Advocate - Dr. Alexei Marquez, The University of Arizona

Outstanding Education Advocate - Roberto Cruze, TUSD

Outstanding Community Partner - The Center for Community Mediation & Facilitation

2022

Outstanding Teacher - Kelly Strayer, Sabina Vaswani

Outstanding Youth - Amber Hammerquist

Outstanding Student Leader - Audrey Alameda, Yamileth Rodriguez

Outstanding Counselor - Tanisha Tatum
Outstanding University Advocate - Dr. Kasey Urquidez
Outstanding Education Advocate - Dr. Matt Matera
Outstanding Corporate Award - Junior Achievement

2021

Lifetime Achievement Award - Fred and Ann Boice
Outstanding Counselor - Danielle Khambholja
Outstanding Counselor - Aaryn Townsend
Dr. June Webb-Vignery Education Advocate Award - Margaret Chaney
Dr. June Webb-Vignery Education Advocate Award - former state Sen. Steve Farley
Teacher Award - Benjamin Collinsworth
Teacher Award - Nate Rios
Corporate Award - AGM Container Controls
Corporate Award - Nova Home Loans
Counselor Award - Danielle Khambholja
Counselor Award - Aaryn Townsend
Youth Award - Azariyah Gulley
Youth Award - Irlando Reyes

2018

Helios Foundation
Leah Oliver, Mountain View High School

2017

Corporate Award - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona
Teacher Award - Chrissy Debono, Cottonwood Elementary School, Vail School District
Counselor Award - Karen Seabolt, Gridley Middle School, Tucson Unified School District
Youth Award - Hailey Floyd, Mountain View High School, Marana Unified School District
Education Advocate Award - Ruth Solomon
Lifetime Achievement Award - Dr. Eugenia Favela

2015

Lifetime Achievement Award - Sam Polito
Special Lifetime Achievement Award - George Favela
Education Advocate Award - Bob Walkup, Former Mayor of Tucson
Education Advocate Award - Pima County Supervisor Richard Elias

Teacher Award - Kevin Kehl
Counselor Award - Eve Rifkin, City High School
Corporate Award - League of United Latin American Citizens
Youth Award - Onelio Madrid Calderon

2014

Education Advocate Award - Jonathan Rothschild, Former Mayor of Tucson
Teacher Award - Dayna Burke
Teacher Award - Tabettha Finchem
Counselor Award - Joy Barr
Corporate Award - Tech Parks Arizona
Youth Award - Mackenzie Fritz

2013

Lifetime Achievement - Dr. Vicki Balentine
Education Advocate Award - Dea Salter
Teacher Award - Rebecca Cavazos
Teacher Award - Jose Snook
Teacher Award - Katrina Herrera
Counselor Award - Leatanya Koppa
Youth Award - Jennifer Sanchez
Corporate Award - CenturyLink

2012

Lifetime Achievement Award - Calvin Baker
Teacher Award - Debbie Young
Corporate Award - IBM Tucson
Education Advocate Award - Ann-Eve Pedersen
Counselor Award - Barbara Mathers
Youth Award - Emily Watson
Special Lifetime Achievement Award - Dr. Louis Albert

2011

Lifetime Achievement Award - Dr. Alan Storm
Counselor Award - Mark Hanna, M.Ed.
Teacher Award - Brandi Dignum
Teacher Award - Andrew Townsend

Teacher Award - Josh Tabor
Youth Award - Monique Arizmendez
Corporate Award - National Optical Astronomy Observatory

2010

Lifetime Achievement Award - Lifetime Achievement Award
Counselor Award - Teresa Toro
Teacher Award - Cynthia Rolewski
Teacher Award - Barbara Tingle
Youth Award - Luisa Diaz
Special Lifetime Achievement Award - June Webb-Vignery, Ph.D.

2009

Lifetime Achievement Award - Raul Nido
Lifetime Achievement Award - Ross Sheard
Corporate Award - Susan Barry/Long Realty Cares Foundation
Corporate Award - Deborah Walden Ralls / Farmer Investment Co.
Teacher Award - Rebecca Hughes
Counselor Award - Kyra Curtis
Youth Award - Juan Pichardo

2008

Lifetime Achievement - Greg Hart
Corporate Award - Freeport McMoRan/Copper & Gold
Teacher Award - Krista Gypton
Teacher Award - Charles Gallagher
Youth Award - Jesse Kolb

2007

Lifetime Achievement Award - Governor Janet Napolitano
Corporate Award - Ben Wichers, CEO, BHP Copper Inc.
Small Business Award - Bonnie Vining / Javalina's Coffee & Friends
Teacher Award - Kristin Bourguet
Special Award - Dr. Hank Oyama
Special Award - Charles Oldham
Youth Award - Chantal Tellez Koestel

2006

Lifetime Achievement - Laura Almquist
Corporate Award - The Rancho Sahuarita Company
Corporate Award - Wild Oats Natural Marketplace
Small Business Award - EXPLORER Newspaper, Inc.
Special Award - Dr. Peter Likins, University of Arizona
Youth Award - Sara Hill

2005

Lifetime Achievement - Mary Belle McCorkle, Ed.D.
Corporate Award - Wells Fargo Community Banking
Small Business Award - Tricio Electric Cooperative
Teacher Award - Kim Babeu
Special Award - John Bremond, KB Home
Youth Award - Nicole Thurlow

2004

Lifetime Achievement - William A. Estes, Jr.
Lifetime Achievement Award - Donald G. Shropshire
Alumni Award - Daniel M. Felix
Corporate Award - IBM Corporation
Small Business Award - TDRI
Teacher Award - Steven Kraus
Youth Award - Ashley Ivy
Special Award - Raytheon Hispanic Employees Assn.
Special Award - Carroll A. Reinhart, Ph.D.

2003

Lifetime Achievement - Robert A. Strauss
Lifetime Achievement - Robert Jensen, Ed.D.
Alumni Award - Wade McLean, Ed.D.
Alumni Award - Anita B. McDonald, Ph.D.
Corporate Award - The Sundt Companies
Small Business Award - Breault Research Corp., Inc
Teacher Award - Richard Mayorga
Youth Award - Lee Anthony Baltazar

2002

Lifetime Achievement - Cele Peterson

Corporate Award - PICOR Commercial Real Estate Services

Small Business Award - Bear Essential News for Kids

Teacher Award - Maria Frontain

Youth Award - Maria Frontain

Youth Award - Chimere Bost

Special Recognition - Dr. John Taylor

Special Recognition - The Arizona Aerospace Foundation

2001

Lifetime Achievement - Frances McClelland

Corporate Award - Raytheon Missile Systems

Corporate Award - Keane

Small Business Award - Bookman's

Teacher Award - ANDrew Morrill

Youth Award - Jessica Cox

2000

Lifetime Achievement - Jane Dee Hull

Corporate Award - Tucson Newspapers, Inc.

Corporate Award - Desert Diamond Casino / Tohono O'odham Nation

Special Award - Greater Tucson Strategic Partnership for Economic Development

Teacher Award - Debra Bergman

Teacher Award - Jim Greene

Youth Award - Ariel Monzon

1999

Lifetime Achievement - Roy Drachman

Corporate Award - Tucson Electric Power

Small Business Award - William Valenzuela, Valenzuela Drywall

Teacher Award - David Towne

Youth Award - Thomas "Dean" Nelson

1998

Lifetime Achievement - Dorothy Finley

Corporate Award - U.S. West

Teacher Award - Peggy Woods

Youth Award - Jaime Guerrero

1997

Lifetime Achievement - Eddie Basha

Lifetime Achievement - Jose Canchola

Lifetime Achievement - Katie Dusenberry

Lifetime Achievement - Bishop Manuel Moreno

1996

Lifetime Achievement - Anita Lohr

APEX

ACE

Youth Storefront

PLUS Jobs Program, Sunnyside Unified School District

1995

Lifetime Achievement - William M. Clements

Lifetime Achievement - Walter Douglas, Jr.

Backdoor / Bobcat Country Store Inclusion

Sahuarita Elementary School

Employment Readiness Program

Indian Oasis-Baboquiviri High School

Mayor George Miller

Sunnyside Teenage Parent Program

1994

Marilyn Dawson

LULAX Youth Leadership Conference

Partners in Education

Allied Signal / Flowing Wells Schools

Sunnyside Elementary Counseling Program

1993

Lifetime Achievement - Fred G. Acosta

Patrick Bunker

Pima County Adult Education

Project YES
Tucson SafeKids Coalition

1992

Jacob C. Fruchthendler
Cele Peterson
Pearl L. Ford-Fyffe

1991

Elissa Howard
Michael Sechrest
James Robert Truitt
Gail Wilson