



NRPA Component Award Recipients Announced

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June 1, 2009 — Ashburn, Virginia —The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) announces its 2009 Branch, Region, and Section Award recipients. These awards are presented to deserving candidates in several specific categories. The recipients were selected as the top submissions from across the nation, and will be honored at NRPA's 2009 Congress and Exposition in Salt Lake City, Utah.

American Park and Recreation Society Award Recipients:

- Meritorious Service – Professional – Michael Clark (Batavia, Illinois)
- Meritorious Service – New Professional – Michael Staten (Gypsum, Colorado)
- Meritorious Service – Young Professional – Brady Dehn (Henderson, Nevada)

Commercial Recreation and Tourism Section Award Recipients:

- Commercial, Recreation, and Tourism Special Event – Black Hills Fat Tire Festival (Rapid City, South Dakota)

Great Lakes Regional Council Award Recipients:

- Outstanding Professional Award – Carrie Ann Hauptert (Bloomington, Illinois)
- Health and Fitness Award – City of Kettering Employee Wellness Program (Kettering, Ohio)
- Environmental Award – Three Rivers Park District (Plymouth, Minnesota)
- Partnership Award – Universally Accessible Canoe and Kayak Launch (Port Huron, Michigan)

Leisure and Aging Section Award Recipients:

- Innovation in Aging Award – 2008 North Texas Baby Boomer Expo & More (Lewisville, Texas)

Midwest Regional Council Award Recipients:

- Individual Citation Award – Lena Elliott (Grand Junction, Colorado)
- Organizational Citation Award – Rapid City Dirt Jump Park (Rapid City, South Dakota)
- Arts & Humanities Class III – Commission on Arts and Culture Grants (Grand Junction, Colorado)
- Fellow Award – David Lorenz (Centennial, Colorado)

National Aquatics Branch Award Recipients:

- Aquatics Safety Award – The Wave (Whitefish, Montana)
- Distinguished Aquatic Service Award – Juliene Hefter (Greendale, Wisconsin)
- Excellence in Aquatics Class III – City of Santa Clarita (Santa Clarita, California)
- Excellence in Aquatics Class IV – Schaumburg Park District (Schaumburg, Illinois)
- Excellence in Aquatics Class VI – Papio Bay Aquatics Center (Papillion, Nebraska)
- Excellence in Aquatics Class VII – University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (Minneapolis, Minnesota)

New England Regional Council Award Recipients:

- Special Citation Award – Patricia Armstrong (West Yarmouth, Massachusetts)
- Joseph Trepasso Programmer Award – Cindi Wight (Rutland, Vermont)

National Society for Park Resources Award Recipients:

- National Student Award for Excellence – Jevon Wright (Bristow, Virginia)
- William Penn Mott Award for Excellence – Bonnie Bryson (South Shore, Kentucky)
- William Penn Mott Award for Meritorious Service – Terry Prather (Carmel, Indiana)

National Therapeutic Recreation Society Award Recipients:

- Distinguished Service Award – Gene Hayes (Knoxville, Tennessee)
- Doris L. Berryman Professional Research Award – James Wise (Mankato, Minnesota)
- Ron McKenney Community Service Award – Bo Dean (Wilmington, North Carolina)
- Jean Taque Innovative Program Award – Couer d’Alene Specialized Needs Recreation (Couer d’Alene, Idaho)

Pacific Southwest Regional Council Award Recipients:

- Program Excellence – Buddy Series, City of Surprise Community and Recreation Services (Surprise, Arizona)
- Casey Conrad Fitness and Wellness Award – City of Surprise Community and Recreation Services (Surprise, Arizona)
- Distinguished Professional Award – Terri Smith (Murray, Utah)
- Organization Citation of Merit Award – Central Utah Recreation and Parks Association (Pleasant Grove, Utah)
- Young Professional Award – Paul Foster (Richfield, Utah)
- Individual Citation of Merit Award – Doug Siden (Oakland, California)

Student Branch Award Recipients:

- Outstanding Undergraduate Student – Whitney Knollenberg (Delton, Michigan)
- Outstanding Student Club – Arkansas Tech University (Russellville, Arkansas)

Society of Park and Recreation Educators Award Recipients:

- Distinguished Colleague Award – Douglas Kleiber (Athens, Georgia)
- Excellence in Teaching Award – Karla Henderson (Raleigh, North Carolina)

Southwest Regional Council Award Recipients:

- Arts and Humanities Class I – San Antonio Parks and Recreation Cultural Division (San Antonio, Texas)
- Arts and Humanities Class II – Little Rock Parks and Recreation (Little Rock, Arkansas)
- Arts and Humanities Class III – Art is Awesome, Baytown Park and Recreation Department (Baytown, Texas)
- Individual Citation Award – Zoe Rascoe (Temple, Texas)
- Organization Citation Award – Town Lake Trail Foundation (Austin, Texas)
- Outstanding Young Professional Award – Stacie Talbert (Corpus Christi, Texas)
- Fellow Award – John Whitmore (Denton, Texas)
- Park and Facility Design, Over \$1 Million – Peabody Park (Little Rock, Arkansas)
- Park and Facility Design, Under \$1 Million – City of Laredo, El Eden Recreation Center (Laredo, Texas)

The National Recreation and Park Association is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing park, recreation and conservation efforts that enhance quality of life for all people. Through

its' network of some 20,000 professionals and citizens, NRPA encourages the promotion of healthy lifestyles, recreation initiatives, and conservation of natural and cultural resources.

Headquartered in Ashburn, VA, NRPA works closely with local, state, and national recreation and park agencies, citizen groups, and corporations to carry out its objectives. Priorities include advocating favorable legislation and public policy; increasing public awareness of the importance of parks and recreation; providing continuing education, professional certification and university accreditation; and conducting research and technical assistance. For more information, visit www.nrpa.org.