



# Awards & Honorees

**Henry Albert Memorial Award** was named in honor of the Commissioner of the IDPH from 1926-1930 and recognizes distinguished leadership in public health in Iowa.

- 2019 – Jeneane Moody (Des Moines)
- 2018 – Shirley Stephen (Mason City)
- 2017 - Barb Baker (Des Moines County)
- 2016 – Christopher Atchison (Iowa City)
- 2015 – James Hodina (Linn County)
- 2014 – Barbara Khal (Iowa City)
- 2013 – Mary O’Brien (Polk County)
- 2012 – Mary Mincer Hanson (Panora)
- 2011 – Tom Newton (Windsor Heights)
- 2010 – Thomas A. O’Rourke (Waterloo)
- 2009 – Jennifer Becker (Butler County)
- 2007 – Lawrence E. Barker (Davenport)
- 2006 - Edward Bottei, MD, FCCP (Sioux City)  
Lawrence Nova Rohret – *special recognition award posthumously*
- 2005 – Ron Osterholm (Mason City)
- 2004 – Janice Edmunds-Wells (Des Moines)
- 2003 – Mary Gilchrist (Solon)
- 2002 – David Fries (West Des Moines)
- 2001 – L. Graham Dameron (Iowa City)
- 1996 – John H. Sunderbuch, MD (Davenport)
- 1994 – Marcia Rygh (Winnebago County)
- 1993 – Carolyn Washburn (Hastings)
- 1992 – Richard Remington (Iowa City) – *awarded posthumously*
- 1991 – *award not given*
- 1990 – Mary Ellis (Des Moines)
- 1989 – Sharon Hawn (Iowa City)
- 1988 – Thomas Gary, MD (Cherokee)
- 1987 – Anne Snell (Ida Grove)
- 1986 – Thomas Corothers (Sioux City)
- 1985 – Norman Pawlewski (Des Moines)
- 1984 – Sharon Hawn (Iowa City)
- 1982 – Naomi Ida (Rock Rapids)  
Grace Lohmann (Washington)
- 1980 – Ronald Eckoff, MD (Des Moines)
- 1978 – Harriet Tingler (Dubuque) – *awarded posthumously*
- 1973 – Marilyn Russell (Des Moines)
- 1970 – Thelma Luther (Ames)
- 1969 – Julius Conner (Des Moines)
- 1968 – Arthur Long (Des Moines)

**Local Board of Health Award** recognizes outstanding service and dedicated leadership of board of health members at the local level. *Local Boards of Health: support the mission of public health; serve as an advocate for core public health functions; communicate with local stakeholders and constituents; develop public health policy; assure compliance with legal responsibilities; and understand and support quality and accountable practices. Meeting future public health challenges is dependent upon capable and dedicated Board of Health leadership.*

2019 – Chickasaw County  
2015 – Linn County Public Health // Scott County Public Health  
2012 – Jones County  
2011 – Dallas County  
2010 – Clay County  
2009 – City of Council Bluffs  
2008 – Black Hawk County  
2007 – Lee County  
2006 – Marion County  
2005 – Marshall County  
1996 – Butler County  
1994 – Palo Alto County  
1993 – Dallas County  
1992 – Calhoun County  
1991 – Cerro Gordo County  
1990 - Humboldt County  
1989 – Johnson County  
1988 – Carroll County  
1987- Harrison County  
1986 - Black Hawk County  
1985 – *award not given*  
1984 - *award not given*  
1982 – Linn County  
1978 – Sioux County  
1976 – Cherokee County  
1971 – Dickinson County  
1970 – Appanoose County  
1969 – Council Bluffs County  
1968 – Linn County

**Richard Remington Award** recognizes an individual, a team of individuals, or a community/business that has excelled in the advancement of public health. Eligibility requires excellence in advancing new or existing public health promotion/prevention initiatives or a long-term educational dedication to public health. \*Prior to 1993, this was known as the Healthy Iowans 2000.

- 2019 – Jami Haberl, Aryn McLaren, Molly Gosselink, Lauren Kollauf (Healthiest State Initiative)
- 2018 – Michelle Lewis, Angela Drent, Becky Carlson, Leann Orr (Siouxland District)
- 2017 – Kelli Gerdes (Cerro Gordo County)
- 2016 – Cerro Gordo County Arsenic Project (Cerro Gordo County)
- 2015 – Dr. Tom Davis (Cedar Falls)
- 2014 – Dr. Peter D. Wallace (Iowa City)
- 2013 – Peggy Stecklein (Dallas County)
- 2012 – Shaela Meister (Des Moines)
- 2011 – Ruby Perin (Waterloo)
- 2010 – Lawrence E. Barker (Bettendorf)
- 2009 – Louise Lex (Ames)
- 2008 – Carrie M. Fitzgerald (Des Moines)
- 2007 – Kathleen D. Widelski (Des Moines)
- 2006 – Frances Sadden (Sioux City)
- 2005 – Michele Yehieli and Mark Grey (Cedar Falls)
- 2004 – Jane Schadle (Des Moines)
- 2002 – Ronald Eckoff (Cumming)
- 2000 – Christopher Atchison (Iowa City)
- 1996 – Carleton Nordschow, MD, PhD (Winneshiek County)
- 1994 – Siouxland District Health Department
- 1993 – Gary Peasley, MD (Marshalltown)  
Jean Lakin, PhD, RN (Iowa City)
- 1992 – Fayette County Healthy People 2000
- 1991 – Greene County Medical Center

**Thelma Luther Award** recognizes a local public health nurse who has made outstanding contributions in her field. Eligibility requires employment in a public health nursing agency, in Iowa, for at least five years, providing direct patient care. This award was named to honor Thelma Luther, the Director of Public Health Nursing in the 1960s and 1970s.

2019 – *award not given*

2018 – Mona Scaletta (Sioux City)

2017 – Delma Hardin (Delaware County)

2016 – Amy Marlow (Buchanan County)

2013 – Donna Sutton (Greene County)

2012 - Chris Morphew (Polk County)

2011 – Vickie Smith (Linn County)

2010 – LaVonne Wolf (Mitchell County)

2008 – Linda Woldruff (Emmet County)

2005 – Gloria Dielschneider (Grundy Center)

2004 – Margaret McNalley (Emmetsburg)

2001 – Joyce Legg

1996 – Cora Hunt (Howard County)

1994 – Elaine Boes (Ely)

1993 – Mary Gengerke

1992 – Mavis Stoner (Cherokee)

1991 – Madonna Johnson (Estherville)

1990 – Darlene Peterson (Albert City)

1989 – Ethel Mack (Rockwell City)

1988 – Sandra Crandell (Leon)

1987 – Sharon Bragg (Spirit Lake)

1986 – Vivian Lynn (Milford)

1985 – Jeanne Calkins (Fonda)

1984 – Colleen Lemkuil (Des Moines)

1982 – Janet Irving (Osceola)

1980 – Reba Seering (Webster City)

**Harry Grant Award** *is intended to be awarded only to individuals who exemplified superior life time performance in environmental health. It is not to be given merely out each year but only on infrequent occasion awarded to those who deserve such and who went well above and beyond to give service to the public and fellow professionals.*

2019 – Mark Mathre (Cerro Gordo County)  
2018 – Dennis Heimdal (Milford)  
2016 – Brian Hanft (Cerro Gordo County)  
2015 – Jon McNamee (Black Hawk)  
2012 – Tammy McKeever (Spencer)  
2011 – Eric Bradley (Davenport)  
2010 – Nancy H. Hall (Iowa City)  
2009 – Aimee Devereaux (O'Brien County)  
2007 – Ken Sharp (Altoona)  
2005 – Michael Wichman (Iowa City)  
2002 – Ken Choquette (Des Moines)  
1993 – Rita Gergely (Des Moines)  
1991 – Bud Rushenberg (Des Moines)  
1989 – Tom Corothers (Sioux City)  
1988 – Robert Leggett (Des Moines)  
1987 – Ken Choquette (Des Moines)  
1985 – Mark Linda (Waterloo)  
1984 – Al Moore (Davenport)

**Public Health Official of the Year Award** *recognizes local, state, or federal policy makers for significant contributions, support, and promotion of public health in their communities and/or state of Iowa. Eligibility requires policy makers that educate about critical public health issues, as well as, recognize the impact of legislative and regulatory actions on local public health. Award winners exemplify outstanding contributions that have led to the betterment of public health.*

2019 - Joe Drahos, Sam Sturtz, Cindy Shearer, Milly Ortiz, Ose Akinlotan, Sam Hiscocks, Garrett Pedersen, Andrea White, Justin Meade (Iowa Department of Transportation)  
2017 – David Johnson (Iowa State Senator)  
2016 – Kirsten Running-Marquardt (Linn County)  
2015 – Linda Langston (Linn County Board of Health/Linn County Board of Supervisors)  
2014 – Art Staed (Iowa State Representative)  
2013 – Lisa Heddens (Iowa State Representative)  
2010 – Patty Judge (Lt. Governor)  
2009 – Jack Hatch (Iowa State Senator)  
2007 – Ro Foege (Iowa State Representative)  
2006 – Amanda Ragan (Iowa State Senator), Linda Upmeyer (Iowa State Representative)  
2005 – Tom Harkin (Iowa U.S. Senator)  
1996 – Charles Grassley (Iowa U.S. Senator)  
1994 – Lee Plasier (Iowa State Representative)  
1993 – Tom Harkin (Iowa U.S. Senator)  
1992 – David Osterberg (Iowa State Representative)

**Lillian Wald Award** *has been developed to honor a nurse who has provided exemplary public health nursing practice on behalf of the public in the state of Iowa. Nominees must have demonstrated initiative and resourcefulness in developing efforts to improve the health of the public through political, legislative, professional or interdisciplinary activism. Achievements should represent a leadership role in one or more of the following arenas: promoting social reform activities for client groups, influencing health policy and health laws, collaborating with physicians, legislators and public officials, or strengthening public health nursing practice. Nominations should include a current professional resume and a minimum of two letters of testimony.*

2019 – Teri Schloss (Winthrop)  
2018 – Melissa Walker (Stuart)  
2010 – Julie McMahon (Windsor Heights)  
2007 – Mary Weaver (Rippey)  
2004 – Pamela Willard (Iowa City)  
1999 – Linda Read (Mason City)  
1996 – Jacqueline Butler (Hamilton County)

**Go the Distance Award** *recognizes a public health official who has gone above and beyond the call of duty over the previous year.*

2019 – Audrey Tran Lam (Cedar Falls)  
2018 – Rachel Stolz (Council Bluffs)  
2017 – Kristy Vogel (Calhoun County)  
2016 – Margot Voshell (Jasper County)  
2015 – Jill France (Des Moines)  
2013 – Chris Espersen (Des Moines)  
2011 – Carol Voss  
2010 – Pearl Scherrman (Dubuque)  
2009 – Maureen Myshock (Des Moines)  
2008 – Wendy Ringgenberg (Des Moines)  
2007 – Elizabeth Faber (Garner)  
2006 – Linda Drey (Sioux City)