2018 Recognition Awards Program

Deadline for Nominations: July 6, 2018
Recognizing Excellence

Each year, the Arkansas Hospital Association (AHA) conducts an awards program to recognize individuals whose service has significantly contributed toward achieving the goals either of the association or one or more of its institutional members. Nominations for the A. Allen Weintraub and Distinguished Service awards are evaluated and recipients are chosen by the AHA Board of Directors.

Three awards are presented each year during the annual Awards Dinner, scheduled for Thursday, October 4, 2018 at the Little Rock Marriott. A description of the awards follows.

A. Allen Weintraub Memorial Award

Named for the beloved Allen Weintraub, longtime administrator of St. Vincent Infirmary Medical Center in Little Rock, the A. Allen Weintraub Memorial Award is the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the AHA. Those nominated for this award should be hospital administrators who have the same traits possessed by Allen Weintraub. He was not only active in state and national hospital and health care affairs, but, at the same time was a very dedicated civic worker and an inspiration to all who worked with him. Persons who remember him always mention his care and concern, not only for hospital patients, but also for his employees; his passion for quality health care for Arkansans; his recognition of duty to the community; and his visionary influence. Those nominated should be hospital administrators/chief executive officers who are contributing to their hospitals and communities in much the same manner as did Allen.

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to an individual, or individuals who, while not necessarily AHA members, have promoted a cause of the health care industry, thereby becoming entitled to special recognition. Examples of those eligible for this award are physicians, nurses, trustees and volunteers.

C. E. Melville Young Administrator of the Year Award

Named for the late C. E. Melville, administrator of Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Pine Bluff, the Young Administrator of the Year Award is presented by the Arkansas Health Executives Forum. The award recipient is selected by the Arkansas Health Executives Forum's Awards Committee. The selection is based on qualifications and criteria set forth by the Forum. The nominee must:

A. be age forty (40) or under in the same year as the award presentation.
B. have been a resident of Arkansas for at least two years on the date the award is presented.
C. be employed by an Arkansas health care organization in some type of responsible administrative capacity for at least two years prior to the date he/she is presented the award.
D. meet all requirements for active membership in the Arkansas Health Executives Forum. However, active membership in the Forum shall not be a requisite.
E. not have been a previous recipient of this award.
Call for Nominations
Nominations are now open for the 2018 Arkansas Hospital Association awards program.

The deadline for nominations to be received for the A. Allen Weintraub Memorial Award, the Distinguished Service Award and the C. E. Melville Young Administrator of the Year Award is July 6, 2018. All nominations must be received on or before the date to be considered. Please follow nomination submission requirements.

Please submit all nominations to:

AHA Awards Nominations
Arkansas Hospital Association
419 Natural Resources Drive
Little Rock, AR 72205
(501) 224-7878

All nominations must be submitted with the signature of the nominator.

Documentation supporting nominations becomes the property of the AHA and will not be returned unless requested. Please read the criteria for each award and be sure to include all requested material with the nomination.

All persons submitting nominations will be notified of the results of the AHA Board of Directors’ decision. Award recipients will be notified of the annual Awards Dinner. It is the responsibility of the nominator to make all arrangements associated with assuring the presence of the nominee at the awards presentation. Two complimentary tickets to the Awards Dinner will be offered to each award recipient, as well as hotel accommodations for the night of the Awards Dinner, if requested in advance.

Submission Requirements

- 2018 Nomination Form
- A detailed narrative citing contributions, achievements, honors, etc., stating why this individual deserves recognition
- A current curriculum vitae or narrative biography of the nominee
- Letters in support of the nomination (optional)
- A digital photograph via email or CD. (Do not submit polaroid photographs or photocopies.)  
  Note: If nominee is selected as recipient of A. Allen Weintraub Memorial Award, nominator will be contacted for additional “candid” photographs of nominee.

Previous award recipients are listed on the reverse side of the awards brochure.
Previous AHA Award Recipients

**A. Allen Weintraub Memorial Award**
1974 * John Gilbreath, Little Rock
1975 * Richard F. Scruggs, West Memphis
1976 * Marvin Altman, Fort Smith
1977 W. D. Hedden, Magnolia
1978 * Fax Robertson, Stuttgart
1979 * C. E. “Gene” Melville, Pine Bluff
1980 * Sister Margaret Vincent Blandford, Little Rock
1981 * Hugh Means, Springdale
1982 Ben E. Owens, Jonesboro
1983 Norman L. Roberts, Jr., Little Rock
1984 * Francis J. Ryan, Wynne
1985 * S. Howard Johnson, Dumas
1986 Joe Carminical, Warren
1987 * Talmadge Robertson Conway, McGehee
1988 * Wayne Lawson, Bentonville
1989 Earl W. Eddins, Fayetteville
1990 * A. Jack Reynolds, Little Rock
1991 Franklin E. Wise, Horseshoe Bend
1992 Anita Wise, Eureka Springs
1993 * Sister Judith Marie Keith, RSM, Fort Smith
1994 C. C. McAllister, Camden
1995 David C. Laffoon, Searcy
1996 Eugene Zuber, Bradford
1997 * Charles Shuffield, Fort Smith
1998 Ronald K. Rooney, Paragould
1999 * Jim Bushmiar, Stuttgart
2000 Steven B. Lampkin, Fayetteville
2001 Russell D. Harrington, Jr., Little Rock
2002 Ray Montgomery, CEO, Unity Health-White County Medical Center, Searcy
2003 Jonathan R. Bates, M.D.
2004 Luther J. Lewis, CEO, Five Rivers Medical Center, Pocahontas
2005 Stephen L. Mansfield, Dallas
2006 Russ Sword, Texas
2007 Gary Bebo, CEO, White River Health System, Batesville
2008 Robert P. Atkinson, Louisiana
2009 Tim Hill, Little Rock
2010 Richard Pierson, Little Rock
2011 James R. Carter, Memphis
2012 * J. David Cicero, Camden
2013 James Magee, CEO, Piggott Community Hospital
2014 Darren Caldwell, VP/Administrator, Unity Health-Harris Medical Center, Newport
2015 Harrison Dean, VP Regional Hospitals, Baptist Health, Little Rock
2016 Margaret West, Magnolia
2017 William Bradley, Fayetteville

**Distinguished Service Award**
1974 Betty Bumpers, wife of U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers
1975 * Georgia Lee Tucker, Little Rock
1976 * Eugene Spratt, Little Rock
1977 * R. C. Warren, Pine Bluff
1978 * Carl Yopp, Little Rock
1979 * Rex Ramsay, M.D., Little Rock
1980 Maxine Otey, RN, Little Rock
1981 Roger Mills, Searcy
1982 * H. Elvin Shuffield, M.D., Little Rock
1983 * Father James Savary, Little Rock
1984 Ed Weiner, American Hospital Association
1985 Harvey Jones, Springdale
1986 * Bernice Jones, Springdale
1987 * Tim Massanelli, Pine Bluff
1988 * L. C. Carter, Stuttgart
1989 * William C. Nolan, El Dorado
1990 Beryl Anthony, El Dorado
1991 John Phillips, Bentonville
1992 William A. Eldredge, Little Rock
1993 John M. Lipton, Warren
1994 * Nancy Orr, Van Buren
1995 * Meryl Grasse, M.D., Calico Rock
1996 * B. Douglas Brandon, Little Rock
1997 C. P. “Pat” McCarty, M.D., Helena
1998 William N. Jones, M.D., Little Rock
1999 * Robert Miller, M.D., Helena
2000 Herschel H. Friday, Little Rock
2001 M. A. Jackson, M.D., Little Rock
2002 Roy H. Hogan, Mississipi
2003 Eugene Towbin, M.D., Little Rock
2004 Louis Lichlyter, Springdale
2005 Dick Tramell, Springdale
2006 Amy Rossi, Little Rock
2007 Lewis Epley, Jr., Eureka Springs
2008 Linda Nichols, St. Louis, Missouri
2009 Sandra Nichols, M.D., Little Rock
2010 Charles McGrew, Little Rock
2011 Harry Ward, M.D., Little Rock
2012 Florence Jones, RN, Jonesboro
2013 Larkin M. Wilson, M.D., El Dorado
2014 Josie Decker, Fort Smith
2015 Mary Esther Herget, Paragould
2016 Reed M. Perryman, Calico Rock
2017 Carlton L. Chambers, M.D., Little Rock
2018 Wayne Hartsfield, Searcy
2019 John L. Wilson, M.D., Little Rock
2020 Linda K. Feltner, Fort Smith
2021 William Turner Harris, M.D., Little Rock
2022 Shirlene Harris, PhD, RN, Little Rock
2023 Linda Hodges, EdD, RN, Little Rock
2024 A.R. Brown, M.D., Searcy
2025 Charles Daniel, M.D., Marshall
2026 I. Dodd Wilson, M.D., Little Rock
2027 Randall Fale, Hot Springs
2028 Ray Kordsmeier, Conway
2029 Charles Horton, M.D., Berryville
2030 Ben E. Owens, Jonesboro
2031 Stephen C. Smart, El Dorado
2032 Molly Harsh Burns, Magnolia
2033 David Morton, Oklahoma
2034 Jane Texter, Little Rock
2035 John Pelham Burge, M.D., Lake Village
2036 John Henderson, M.D., Searcy
2037 Herbert K. Reamy III, Hot Springs
2038 Gloria Beyer, Berryville
2039 Carolyn Key, Camden
2040 Neta Sue Stamps, Berryville
2041 Lawrence F. Braden, M.D., Camden
2042 Bill Lynch, Heber Springs
2043 Bob Lucky, McGehee
2044 Robert Tommey, M.D., El Dorado
2045 Jeffrey Angel, M.D., Batesville
2046 William Fisher, Paragould
2047 Christopher Steel, M.D., Batesville

**C. E. Melville Young Administrator of the Year Award**
1979 Larry Barton, Kentucky
1980 * Dan Gathright, Arkadelphia
1981 Michael D. Helm, Hot Springs
1982 Gordon Hawthorne, Washington, D.C.
1983 Lawrence F. Braden, M.D., Camden
1984 Steven Lampkin, Fayetteville
1985 * Alan Prather, Fayetteville
1986 Steve Reeder, Helena
1987 Harrison Dean, Baptist Health, Little Rock
1988 Larry Morse, DeWitt
1989 Peter Leer, Missouri
1990 Jan Burford, Little Rock
1991 Melissa Fontaine, Little Rock
1992 Terry Amstutz, Stuttgart
1993 Darren Caldwell, Unity Health-Harris Medical Center, Newport
1994 Robin McAtee, Little Rock
1995 Randy King, Memphis
1996 Albert Pilkington III, Johnson Regional Med Center, Clarksville
1997 Kristy Estrum, Berryville
1998 Doug Weeks, Baptist Health, Little Rock
1999 Tammy Gavin, White River Health System, Batesville
2000 Walter Johnson, Pine Bluff
2001 Jason Spring, Mountain Home
2002 Greg Crain, Baptist Health Medical Center-Little Rock
2003 John Heard, McGehee Hospital
2004 Jonathan Davis, Kansas
2005 Leah Osbahr, Missouri
2006 Mark Bethell, Missouri
2007 John R. Tucker, Colorado
2008 John R. Tucker, Colorado
2009 Greg Stubbsfield, Baptist Health, Little Rock
2010 * Erin Propst, Baptist Health, Little Rock
2011 Michael K. Givens, St. Bernards Medical Center, Jonesboro
2012 Tim Bowen, Baptist Health Medical Center-Conway
2013 Brian Barnett, UAMS Medical Center, Little Rock
2014 Steven Webb, Baptist Health Medical Center-North Little Rock
2015 Adam Head, CARTI, Little Rock
2016 John Bowen, Baptist Health Medical Center-North Little Rock
2017 Kourtney Matlock, Baptist Health, Little Rock

* Deceased
NOMINATION FORM

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Please check award category:  
☐ A. Allen Weintraub Memorial Award
☐ Distinguished Service Award
☐ C. E. Melville Young Administrator of the Year Award

Nomination Deadline: July 6, 2018

Name of Nominee: ________________________________________________________________

Professional/Business Title: _________________________________________________________

Employer/Business: ________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ______________________ Phone: __________________

Name of Person Submitting Nomination: _____________________________________________

Title: _____________________________________________________________________________

Institution: _______________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ______________________ Phone: __________________

Briefly describe reason for nomination, with full explanation in attached documentation.
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Signature of Nominator: __________________________ Date: __________________

All nominations must comply with submission requirements outlined in brochure.
Please return to the Arkansas Hospital Association, address listed above.