2009 Recognition Awards Program

Deadline for Nominations: August 3, 2009
Recognizing Excellence

Each year, the Arkansas Hospital Association 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 awards are evaluated and recipients chosen by the AHA board of directors.

Three awards are presented each year during the annual Awards Dinner, scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2009 at the Peabody Hotel Little Rock. 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 healthcare affairs, but was, at the same time, 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 healthcare 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 individuals who, while not necessarily AHA members, have promoted a cause of the healthcare industry, thereby becoming entitled to special recognition. Examples of those eligible for this award are physicians, nurses, trustees, auxiliaries, and other deserving individuals.

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 under age forty (40) by the date of the presentation of the award.
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 healthcare 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 2009 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 August 3, 2009. 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, if requested in advance.

Submission Requirements

• 2009 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 photograph suitable for reproduction - actual photo or on disk. (Do not submit polaroid photographs or photocopies.) Note: If nominee is selected, 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, President, St. Bernards Healthcare, Jonesboro
1983 Norman L. Roberts, Jr., Little Rock
1984 * Francis J. Ryan, Wynne
1985 S. Howard Johnson, Dumas
1986 * Joe Carmical, Warren
1987 * Talmarde Robertson Conway, McGehee
1988 * Wayne Lawson, Bentonville
1989 Earl W. Eddins, Fayetteville
1990 * A. Jack Reynolds, Little Rock
1991 Franklin E. Wise, Salem
1992 Anita Wise, Eureka Springs
1993 Sister Judith Marie Keith, RSM, Fort Smith
1994 C. C. McCullers, Camden
1995 David C. Lafloon, Searcy
1996 Eugene Zuber, Searcy
1997 Charles Shuffield, Fort Smith
1998 Ronald K. Rooney, President, Arkansas Methodist Hospital, Paragould
1999 * Jim Bushmayer, Stuttgart
2000 Steven B. Lampkin, Fayetteville
2001 Russell D. Harrington, Jr., President, Baptist Health, Little Rock
2002 Ray Montgomery, CEO, White County Medical Center, Searcy
2003 Jonathan R. Bates, M.D., CEO, Arkansas Children’s Hospital, Little Rock
2004 Luther J. Lewis, El Dorado
2005 Stephen L. Mansfield, Dallas
2006 Russ Sword, CEO, Ashley County Medical Center, Crossett
2007 Gary Bebow, CEO, White River Health System, Batesville
2008 Robert P. Atkinson, CEO, Jefferson Regional Medical Center, Pine Bluff

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
* Carl Yopp, Little Rock
1978 * Rex Ramsay, M.D., Little Rock
1979 * Ray Allen, Little Rock
Maxine Otey, RN, Little Rock
1980 * Roger Mills, Searcy
1981 * H. Elvin Shuffield, M.D., Little Rock
1982 Father James Savary, Diocese of Little Rock
Ed Wiener, former Director, Region 7, American Hospital Association
1983 * Harvey Jones, Springdale
* Bernice Jones, Springdale
1984 Tim Massaneli, Pine Bluff
1985 L. C. Carter, Stuttgart
1986 William C. Nolan, El Dorado
1987 Beryl Anthony, former U. S. Congressman, Fourth District, El Dorado
1988 John Phillips, Bentonville
* William A. Eldredge, Little Rock
1989 John M. Lipton, Warren
1990 * Nancy Orr, Van Buren

1991 Meryl Grasse, M.D., Calico Rock
* B. Douglas Brandon, Little Rock
1992 C. P. “Pat” McCarty, M.D., Helena
William N. Jones, M.D., Little Rock
1993 Robert Miller, M.D., Helena
1994 * Herschel H. Friday, Little Rock
* M. A. Jackson, M.D., Little Rock
1995 Roy H. Hogan, El Dorado
* Eugene Towbin, M.D., Little Rock
1996 Louis Lichlyter, Springdale
1997 Dick Trammel, Springdale
Amy Rossi, Little Rock
1998 Lewis Epley, Jr., Eureka Springs
Sandra Nichols, M.D., Little Rock
1999 Charles McGrew, Little Rock
2000 * Harry Ward, M.D., Little Rock
2001 * Florence Jones, RN, Jonesboro
* Larkin M. Wilson, M.D., El Dorado
2002 Josie Decker, Fort Smith
2003 Mary Esther Herget, Paragould
Reed M. Perryman, Calico Rock
2004 Carlton L. Chambers, M.D., Little Rock
Wayne Hartsfield, trustee, Searcy
John L. Wilson, M.D., trustee, Little Rock
2005 * Linda K. Feltner, Fort Smith
William Turner Harris, M.D., Little Rock
2006 Shirlene Harris, PhD, RN, Little Rock
Linda Hodges, EdD, RN, Little Rock
2007 A.R. Brown, M.D., Little Rock
2008 Charles Daniel, M.D., Marshall
I. Dodd Wilson, M.D., Little Rock

C. E. Melville Young Administrator of the Year Award

1979 Larry Barton, Paducah, Kentucky
1980 * Dan Gatright, Arkadelphia
1981 Michael D. Helm, Hot Springs
1983 Gordon Hawthorne, Washington, DC
1984 Steven Lampkin, Fayetteville
1985 * Alan Prather, Fayetteville
1986 Steve Reeder, Helena
1987 Harrison Dean, Senior Vice President/Administrator, Baptist Health Medical Center - North Little Rock
1988 Larry Morse, President, Johnson Regional Medical Center, Clarksville
1989 Peter Leer, COO, North Arkansas Regional Medical Center, Harrison
1990 Jan Burford, CEO, CARTI, Little Rock
1992 Melissa Fontaine, Vice President, University Hospital of Arkansas, Little Rock
1993 Terry Amstutz, CEO, Magnolia Hospital
1994 Darren Caldwell, CEO, DeWitt City Hospital
1995 Robin McAtee, Little Rock
1996 Randy King, Memphis
1997 Albert Pilkington II, Mena
1998 Kristy Noble, President, St. John's Hospital, Berryville
1999 Doug Weeks, Senior Vice President/Administrator, Baptist Health Medical Center-Little Rock
2000 Tammy Gavin, Assistant Administrator, White River Health System, Batesville
2001 Walter Johnson, Vice President, Jefferson Regional Medical Center, Pine Bluff
2002 Jason Spring, Montana
2003 Greg Crain, Vice President, Baptist Health, Little Rock
2004 John Heard, Administrator, McGehee Desha County Hospital
2005 Jonathan Davis, Kansas
2006 Leah Osbahr, Missouri
2007 Mark Bethell, COO, Northwest Medical Center, Bentonville
2008 John R. Tucker, CEO, Five Rivers Medical Center, Pocahontas

* 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: August 3, 2009

Name of Nominee: ________________________________________________________________

Professional/Business Title: _________________________________________________________

Employer/Business: ________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ___________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ___________________________ Telephone: ______________

Name of Person Submitting Nomination: _______________________________________________

Title: _____________________________________________________________________________

Institution: _______________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ___________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: ___________________________ Telephone: ______________

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.