

Award History

Since 1971, the American Association of Suicidology (AAS) has honored outstanding contributions to suicide prevention, intervention, research, and advocacy through its Annual Awards program. Over the decades, AAS has presented more than 238 awards to individuals and organizations whose innovation, leadership, and lived experience have advanced the field and strengthened communities. These recognitions, announced each year at the AAS Conference, celebrate excellence across diverse categories including groundbreaking research, crisis services, survivor support, and civic engagement.

2026 Annual Awards

- Recognizing the 55th year of the AAS Awards and the 10th year of the Transforming Lived Experience Award

Award Categories and Years of Recognition

Award	Recipients	First Year Awarded	Last Year Awarded
Louis I. Dublin Award	54	1971	2026
Edwin S. Shneidman Award	53	1973	2026
Roger J. Tierney Service Award	41	1985	2026
Loss Survivor Award	32	1995	2026
Crisis Centers Excellence Award	23	2003	2026
Transforming Lived Experience Award	10	2017	2026
Citizen Scientist Professional Award	4	2019	2025
Citizen Scientist Student Award	4	2019	2025
Marsha Linehan Award	3	2009	2016
Morton M. Silverman Student Award	3	2024	2026
AAS Person of the Year Award	2	2018	2019
Crisis Residential Unit Award	2	2020	2021
Crisis Services Innovation Award	2	2020	2026
Mobile Crisis Outreach Award	2	2020	2021
Public Service Journalism Award	2	2020	2021
Chair's Award	1	2023	2023

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▲ Year Louis I. Dublin Award

1971	Karl Menninger
1972	Edwin Shneidman
1973	Norman Farberow
1974	Chad Varah
1975	Robert Felix
1976	Theodore Curphey
1977	Avery Weisman
1978	Seymour Perlin
1979	Jerome Motto
1980	Richard McGee
1981	Robert Litman
1982	Herb Hendin
1983	Aaron Beck
1985	Ronald Maris
1986	Gerald Caplan
1987	Norman Kreitman
1988	John Mack
1989	Joseph Richman
1990	Marie Asberg
1991	Jan Fawcett
1992	Alex Pokorny
1993	Alec Roy
1994	John T. Maltzberger
1995	Eli Robins & George Murphy
1996	John Mann
1997	David Lester
1998	Iris Bolton
1999	Marsha Linehan
2000	David A. Brent
2001	Keith Hawton
2002	Israel Orbach
2003	Steven Stack
2004	Bruce Bongar
2005	Morton Silverman
2006	Lanny Berman
2007	Robert Goldney
2008	Yeates Conwell
2009	M. David Rudd
2010	Frank Campbell
2011	Diego DeLeo
2012	David Jobes
2013	Madelyn Gould
2014	Jie Zhang
2015	David Litts
2016	Thomas Joiner
2017	Eric D. Caine
2018	John L. McIntosh
2019	Jerry Reed
2020	Silvia Canetto
2021	Nav Kapur
2023	Richard McKeon, PhD, MPH
2024	Rory O'Connor, PhD
2025	Craig Bryan, PsyD
2026	Peter Gutierrez, PhD

▲ Year Edwin S. Shneidman Award

1973	Albert Cain
1974	Ronald Maris
1975	Dan Lettieri
1976	Michael Hheiman
1977	Alton Kirk
1978	Thomas Welu
1979	Pamela Cantor
1980	Joe Thigpen
1981	Cynthia Pfeffer
1982	Lanny Berman
1983	David Phillips
1984	Denys de Catanzaro
1985	Stephen Stack
1986	M. David Rudd
1987	Paul R. Duberstein
1988	Thomas Joiner
1989	James Rogers
1990	Kenneth Conner
1991	James Werth
1992	Peter Gutierrez
1993	Annette Beautrais
1994	Gregory Brown
1995	Maurizio Pompili
1996	Sean Joe
1997	Matthew Nock
1998	Marnin Heisel
1999	Paul Holinger
2000	Barry Garfinkel
2001	Antoon Leenaars
2002	David C. Clark
2003	John McIntosh
2004	Madelyn Gould
2005	Patrick O'Carroll
2006	Bruce Bongar
2007	Yeates Conwell
2008	David Jobes
2009	Sharon M. Valente
2010	Silvia Sara Canetto
2011	Julia Shiang
2012	Jennifer Muehlenkamp
2013	Jeremy Pettit
2014	Kelly Cukrowicz
2015	E. David Klonsky
2016	Craig Bryan
2017	Courtney L. Bagge
2018	Michael Anestis
2019	Kimberly Van Orden
2020	Anna Mueller
2021	Dorian A. Lamis
2023	Jessica Ribeiro, PhD
2024	Raymond Tucker, PhD
2025	Megan Rogers, PhD
2026	Ryan Hill, PhD

▲ Year Roger J. Tierney Service Award

1985	Lee Ann Hoff
1986	Clem Hallquist
1987	Bonnie Jacobs
1988	Nancy Allen
1990	Charlotte Ross
1991	James Wells
1992	Linda Satten
1993	Sam Heilig
1994	Iris Bolton
1995	Julie Perlman
1996	Esther & Gail Quine
1997	Karen Dunne-Maxim
1998	Roger Tierney (posthumously)
1999	John McIntosh
2000	Amy Kulp
2001	Frank & Cheryl Campbell
2002	Edward Dunne & Karen Dunne-Maxim
2003	Charlotte Anderson
2004	Joan Wright
2005	Judy Meade
2006	Mary Drexler
2007	Iris Bolton
2008	Stephanie Weber
2009	James Mazza
2010	Susan Eastgard
2011	Tom Ellis
2012	Michelle Linn-Gust
2013	Colleen Carpenter
2014	Peter Gutierrez
2015	April Foreman & Anthony Wood
2016	Barry McGale
2017	Morton Silverman
2018	Daniel Reidenberg
2019	Scott Ridgway
2020	Jennifer Muehlenkamp
2021	Vali Maduro de Gateño
2022	Bart Andrews
2023	Steven Rogers, MD
2024	Dustin McCoy
2025	Melinda Moore, PhD
2026	Marie Adams, PhD, LP, CCS



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▲ Year Loss Survivor Award

1995	LaRita Archibald
1996	Elsie and Jerry Wyrach
1997	Scott and Leah Simpson
1998	Lois and Sam Bloom
1999	Betsy Ross
2000	Stephanie Weber
2001	Marilyn Koenig
2002	Ed Dunne and Karen Maxim
2003	Jo Pesaresi
2004	Jim and Edith Moore
2005	Patty Lloyd; Jan and Bob Burnside
2006	Doris and Don Walker
2007	Linda Flatt
2008	Sue Opheim
2009	Karyl Chastain Beal
2010	The Gutin Family
2011	Joanne Harpel
2012	Anne Cronin Tyson
2013	Franklin Cook
2014	Sally Spencer-Thomas
2015	Iris Bolton
2016	Kim Ruocco
2017	Katie Rose Hardy
2018	Vanessa McGann
2019	Merily Keller
2020	Ronnie Walker
2021	Lena M.Q. Heilmann
2022	Glenn Proctor and Laura Stack
2023	Gail Urso
2024	Amanda Blue
2025	Sue Mitchell Metz, RN, BSN, MS, CT
2026	Lori Espinosa

▲ Year Transforming Lived Experience Award

2017	Dese'Rae Stage
2018	Stacey Freedenthal
2019	Jess Stohlmann-Rainey
2020	Rick Strait
2021	Shelby Rowe
2023	Rep. Michael Schlossberg
2024	Pata Suyemoto, PhD
2025	Ashlee Zaragoza
2026	Eliza Williamson, M.ED., MFA, CPS

▲ Year Crisis Centers Excellence Award

2003	CrisisLink
2004	Suicide Action Montreal
2005	Alachua County Crisis Center
2007	Baton Rouge Crisis Intervention Center
2008	Gryphon Place
2009	Teen Line
2010	The Trevor Project
2011	ABVI Goodwill Contact Center
2012	Crisis Call Center
2013	Headquarters Counseling Center
2014	Feeling Kinda Blue
2015	Behavioral Health Response
2016	The Harris Center
2017	Heart of Florida United Way 2-1-1
2018	Harris Center for Mental Health & IDD
2019	Lines for Life
2020	PRS CrisisLink
2021	VetAdvisor, LLC
2023	Jessica Neely
2024	Elizabeth Newcombe
2025	Northeast Kingdom Human Services
2026	Crisis Support Services of Alameda County

▲ Year Crisis Services Innovation Award

2020	Crisis Response Network
2026	Crisis Jam Recovery Innovations / Behavioral Health Link

▲ Year Morton M. Silverman Student Award

2024	Fatemeh Aghaei
2025	Madison Risner
2026	Sangmi Kim, MSW

▲ Year Citizen Scientist Professional Award

2020	Ray Tucker
2021	Mark A. Reger
2025	Jessica Hamilton, PhD

▲ Year Citizen Scientist Student Award

2019	Brian Bauer
2020	Corbin Standley
2021	Emma H. Moscardini
2025	Jessica Hamilton, PhD

