

WHPE Awards Social



Thursday, October 24, 2024
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

WHPE Awards' Social / Program 2024

Welcome / Introduction of Guests *Mary Wentland, President*

In Memorium *Mary Wentland, President*

Presentation of Awards

Introduction of Awards' Chair *Mary Wentland, President*
Kris Fritz

Introduction of Awards' Committee *Kris Fritz, Chair*
Sandy Hagenbach, Patty Kestell, Jackie Tenpas, Peter Toutenhoofd

Advocacy Award *Penny Kroening*
Wendy Wiesjahn

Retirement Recognition *Sandy Hagenbach*
Jennifer Day-Nelson, Jeff Johnson, Ann Kollross Haupt

WHPE Membership Longevity *Patty Kestell*

20 Year - Gary Carpenter, Kimberly Gamble, Jennifer Jensen,
Kevin Koch, Kristi Mally, Andrew Roloff, James Will,
Josh Zielinski

30 Year - Karen Lettner, Kristen Lien, Kelly Mann, Lisa Strauss

40 Year - Patricia Abraham, Ed Brown, Diane Corrigan,
Kitty Erdman, Sharon Stoll

50 Year - Karen Cowan, Christine Zvara

Future Professional Leadership *Dan Timm*
Kaycia Zimmerman

Health Teacher of the Year *Rebekah Johnson*
Nathan Korth

Physical Education Teacher of the Year

Stacy Cappozzo – Elementary *Vicky Raddatz*
Courtney Lukasavitz – Middle School. *Cal Lukasavitz*

US Games/Health Smart TOY Sponsorship *Will Potter*

Honor Award *Jenna Starck*
Debra Sazama

Special Recognition Award *Penny Kroening*
Scott Frazier, Kristine Fritz

Outstanding Service *Mary Wentland, President*
Allisha Blanchette, Sadie Brown, Brenda Erdman

NBCT Recognition. *Sandee Ortiz, NBCT Advisor*
Rebecca Abler, Shawn Burns, Nathan Heinritz, Nathali Jones, Lucy Lozar

Midwest / SHAPE Recognition *Kris Fritz, MW Past President*

WI University Student Majors of the Year:

Abby King, UW-SP; Dylan Jensen, UW-SP;
Sawyer Koplien, UW-EC; Ben Williams, UW-RF;
Jager Reissmann, UW-RF; Caylee Fry, UW-O;
Katie Kramer, Winona; Kassi Heins, UW-L; Sarah Pena, Carthage
Taylor Olson - Midwest Outstanding Student
Dr. Dan Timm - Midwest Honor Award
Jo Bailey - North American Society Fellow
Sandee Ortiz - Midwest Past President
Ryan McKinney - SHAPE Middle School National Physical
Education TOY

Passing of Gavel / Remarks *Mary Wentland / Sandee Ortiz*



2024 Award Recipients



Advocacy ... Wendy Wiesjahn

Wendy has been a WHPE member for over thirty years having had multifaceted involvement with our Association and the HPE profession. She currently teaches at Rufus King High School in MPS. Ms. Wiesjahn mostly works behind the scenes, having served as Convention Hospitality and Program Chair. She has served in the role of SE District Coordinator initiating and developing several professional development onsite workshops. Additionally, Wendy has contributed to WHPE in the role of Executive Committee Member at Large, High School VP and on the Grants Committee. Most members know Wendy from her most recent 2016 – present role as Convention Registration Volunteer Coordinator, in which she serves and coordinates the necessary staff to run convention registration. In this vital role, Wendy makes it happen so Convention attendees have a smooth running professional development experience. WHPE congratulates Wendy for her time and effort put forth for others and we recognize her with the Association Advocacy Award.

Retirement Recognition

Jennifer Day-Nelson,
Jeff Johnson,
Ann Kollross Haupt



***Jennifer
Day-Nelson***



Jeff Johnson

WHPE Membership Longevity

20 Year - Gary Carpenter, Kimberly Gamble, Jennifer Jensen,
Kevin Koch, Kristi Mally, Andrew Roloff, James Will, Josh Zielinski



Gary Carpenter



Kevin Koch



Kristi Mally



Josh Zielinski

30 Year -

Karen Lettner, Kristen Lien,
Kelly Mann, Lisa Strauss



Kelly Mann



Lisa Strauss

40 Year -

Patricia Abraham, Ed Brown,
Diane Corrigan, Kitty Erdman,
Sharon Stoll



Patty Abraham



Sharon Stoll



Karen Cowan

50 Year -

Karen Cowan, Christine Zvara



Christine Zvara

Future Professional Leadership

Kaycia Zimmerman



Ms. Zimmerman has served as WHPE Future Professional VP – elect and VP helping her fellow students with student related matters. As a UW- Madison student, she was involved with WHPE for three years, and has presented at Convention with a UW Professor and peers. Kaycie has a PE major, minor in Health and certification for APE. Her goals are to teach secondary APE/ Health and to coach basketball. Ms. Zimmerman is an active learner who loves reading, cooking/baking and enjoys kayaking and basketball. She was the UW – Madison Men’s Basketball Manager, a role that parallels her life goal to coach and has added to her knowledge base in this area. Future Professional Advisor, Ann Hockett indicated that Kaycia has served her fellow FP’s and greatly grown while in her role as WHPE FP. WHPE thanks Kaycia for her service and wishes her well while transitioning from her student status into a full professional.

Health Education Teacher of the Year

Nathan Korth



Nathan has been a WHPE member for almost ten years, having received his B. S. from UW- Whitewater in 2014 and M. S. UW – Whitewater, 2017. He has a variety of teaching experiences, having taught both Health and PE at the Middle School level, an Outdoor Education and Health Methods class at UW-Whitewater as an Adjunct instructor. Currently, he teaches 6 – 8 Health at Edgerton Middle School where he infuses conceptual knowledge with authentic skills based activities for his students. Mr. Korth seeks to establish student inclusive relationships and then move forward with the task of learning using multiple instructional methodologies, including technology and inserting both formative and summative assessment to insure learning, all while emphasizing student centered activities. In addition, he has been involved with WHPE, Best Practices, SHAPE and as a Whitewater Adjunct in various roles: member, presenter, teacher, student teacher supervisor; collegial collaborator. Mr. Korth is truly representative of a TOY, and WHPE recognizes him as such, relative to teaching Health.



Physical Education Teacher of the Year

Stacy Cappozzo – Elementary



Stacy teaches K – 5 at Pier Elementary in Fond du Lac. She is a UW–Oshkosh graduate with an M. S. in Educational Technology from Marian University. During her over twenty years of teaching and WHPE membership, she has had various experiences related to K – 12 Physical Education.

Having been at Pier since 2010, she conducts a comprehensive and diverse program for her students involving standards, using numerous instructional strategies supported by research and proven methodologies. Students and staff describe her as being innovative, engaging, and focused on learning while fostering interpersonal relationships. Her lessons include concepts, motor skills, and vocabulary connected to the classroom and life and offers opportunities for student reflection and achievement connected to learning. Stacy has presented for WHPE, consistently attends the annual Convention, and has worked as a curriculum leader within her district. In addition, she has been involved at five SHAPE national conventions and seeks to improve as a professional via collegial interaction and reflective practices. Stacy acknowledges that over her career, her greatest growth has been in the area of diversity, a concept that was presented and documented throughout her written application process. Stacy Cappozzo is an outstanding WHPE teacher who is most deserving of TOY recognition and WHPE is proud to recognize her while being affiliated with her as part of our Association.

Courtney Lukasavitz – Middle School



Courtney teaches grades 5 – 8 at Indian Community School in Franklin.

She is a Whitewater B. S. PE graduate and is a National Board Certified Teacher since 2014. Having taught since 2009, she is a WHPE and SHAPE member and has served her local community through multiple fundraising activities. Her instructional program is based upon standards, innovation, best practices, student-centered inclusive activities, and supported through the use of technology and assessments. An emphasis Courtney infuses into her teaching is that of communication and relationship building, something much needed at the middle school age. SEL and intentional practices are likewise important to Courtney. She believes that things don't just happen, but rather, are designed & made to happen with regard to learning both in and out of the classroom. Reflection is a notable piece to her teaching, and as a result, she is always adapting and growing to offer meaningful learning experiences for her students. Connecting personally to her students and the greater community is an additional part of Courtney's teaching and this has fostered the development of many community partnerships that have benefited students and their families. Ms. Lukasavitz offers an excellent example upon which the title of TOY is awarded and WHPE duly recognizes her as a WHPE Teacher of the Year.

Honor Award



Debra Sazama

Deb is currently serving the HPE profession at UW – LaCrosse where she has held a variety of positions. Dr. Sazama completed undergraduate and M. S. work at the University of WY, Laramie, and obtained her Doctor of Education degree from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls. Over her career, she has had a variety of professional experiences ranging from teaching high school PE to teaching and coaching at college, now working within the Department of Student Affairs- Athletics at UW – La Crosse. Deb has served on WHPE committees, as an Advisor to Future Professional's on the BOD and authored numerous publications while securing grants to further learning within the profession. She has coached, established sport camps and participated in WHPE and SHAPE conventions as a presenter. In addition, Dr. Sazama has received several coaching awards, the WHPE University TOY Award, and a Presidential Citation from Midwest for her work with the students and other contributions made to Midwest. It is without a doubt, Deb Sazama is deserving of the WHPE Honor Award given in recognition for extended service to the Association. WHPE congratulates Deb and thanks her for her numerous contributions to the HPE profession.



WHPE Special Recognition Award



Scott Frazier

Scott Fraizer has served WHPE' in various leadership roles on the WHPE Board of Directors. Since the early 2000, Scott has served as the Financial Chair. Under his leadership, Scott established a secure short-term easily accessible reserve fund for WHPE. These investments have grown thanks to Scott's efforts, providing WHPE with stability amid market and world fluctuations. Scott was also a driving force behind the creation of the standing Financial Committee. This committee brings together WHPE leadership to oversee and grow the organization's funds. We are grateful for Scott's dedication and contributions to the structure of and financial well-being of WHPE's Finances.



Kris Fritz

For over 25 years, Kris Fritz has served WHPE in numerous leadership roles on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors as well as a long-standing Awards Committee member and Award Chair. Throughout her service as Awards Chair, she has tirelessly managed the opening call for nominations, notified nominees, crafted clear and effective rubrics for the awards committee to evaluate the candidates, developed the awards program, and facilitated the awards ceremony. Kris's contributions as a committee member and chairperson have been instrumental to the success of the awards process.

Outstanding Service Award



Allisha Blanchette



Sadie Brown



Brenda Erdman

1953
 Paul Niverman
 Robert Nohr*
 Hans Reuter*
 Blanche Trilling*
 Emma Lou Wilder*
 1954
 Agnes Brigham
 Ruth Glassow*
 Margaret H'Doubler
 Claxton*
 Frank Stangel*
 Fannie Steve*
 1955
 Arnold Christenson
 Katherine Cronin*
 Don Dyer
 Cliff Fagan
 Reinie Hein
 Ann Thomas
 Gelinda Vescolani*
 1958
 Harold "Zip" Morgan
 1960
 Gelinda Vescolani*
 1962
 Russell Lewis
 George Watson
 George Wolf
 1963
 H. Kent Tenny
 1965
 Betty McGuinness
 Leon Miller*
 Russell Rippe
 1967
 Pat Dawson*
 1969
 Phyllis Roney
 Jim Davies
 1970
 Robert McLaughlin
 Alf Harrer
 1972
 Edith Cartwright*
 1973
 Fred Lengfeld
 Harold Montross
 1974
 Lawrence Hyerdahl
 Luida Sanders
 1975
 Frances Cumbee
 Marjorie Tate

1976
 M. Corinne Clark
 Mary Fee
 Emogene Nelson*
 Glenn Smith
 1977
 Chet Bradley
 1979
 Anton Faupl
 Susan Cattle
 1980
 Wisconsin Educational
 Communications Board
 1981
 Richard Papenfuss
 Jean Barkow
 1982
 John Reinhold
 William Budris
 1983
 Margaret Safrin
 1984
 Ross Korsgaard
 1985
 Nancy Wensel
 John E. Roberts
 1986
 Art Reinhardts
 1987
 Bob Bowen
 Willis Johnson
 1988
 William Proxmire
 (Senator)
 Wisconsin Affiliate
 (American Heart
 Association)

1989
 Scott Fromader
 1990
 Diane Corrigan
 1991
 Bob Wells
 Wisconsin Tri-State
 Coalition
 1992
 Tom Kidd
 Karen Kuhn
 1993
 Deb Tackmann
 Geroge & Irene Wilson
 1994
 Mary Mero
 J. Leslie Oganowski
 David Tackmann

2000
 Mike Haeuser*
 Donald E. Herrmann
 Karen Kuhn
 Karen Vande Sande
 2001
 Rosie Sylvester
 2002
 Garth Tymeson
 2003
 Jon Hisgen
 Fran Kasten
 David Budzien
 Gene Hamele
 Denice Hubert
 Lynn Maas
 Terri Parins
 2004
 Cindy Albert
 Denis Barnard
 Greg Emerson
 Larry Kopf
 Jan Kunert
 Faye Perkins
 2005
 Kristine Fritz
 Crystal Gorwitz
 Laura Graney
 Jeff Lindauer
 Ray Martinez
 Becky Meert
 Gail Milbrath
 Cheryl Richardson
 Marcia Schmidt
 Carol Tyriver
 2006
 Tom Dahl
 Colleen Evans-Fletcher
 Sue Tarr
 Tom Strenger
 Louise Blankenheim
 2007
 Cheryl Gorski
 Wendy Wiesjahn
 Michael Hensgen
 Michaela Neitzel
 Martha Hill
 2008
 Shelly Benck
 Sheryl Gotts
 Edith Schneider
 Tammy Rocker
 Bill Budris

ADVOCACY AWARD

The Advocacy Award is given in recognition of significant contributions made to the advancement of the profession through the fields of health, physical education, or related fields. Such contributions may be in the form of legislative support, professional service, or specific participation in local, state, district, or national program development. The recipient may be an individual, or group or an organization, and need not be a member of WHPE.

* deceased

ADVOCACY AWARD *cont.*

2009

Debra Grundahl
Jon Hisgen
Scott Frazier
Doug Kane
Jeff Lindauer
Kristi Mally

2010

Mary Jane Carreno
Ann/Brad Hanson
Mary Kennedy
Lori Petersen
Tracy Yengo
Wendy Young

HEART

Tammy Rocker
Kori Coffeen
Joe Hoffman
Shayla McBride
Jenny McLeod
Carrie Nevins
Lisa Schweitzer
Kristin Schwengel
Jackie Weir

2011

Pat DiRocco
Manny Felix
Gail Milbrath
Fred Pelley
Garth Tymeson
UW-La Crosse
Chancellor Joe Gow

2012

Mary Andrae
Jeri Dreikosen
Kris Fritz
Doug Kane
Tim Schroeder

2013

Patty Abraham
Kelly Bullard
Dr. Daniel Donder
Dr. Gregory Thornton

HEART

Kori Coffeen
Mary Lee Flannigan
Korren Jewitt
Kristine Lange
Shayla McBride
Tim Nikolai

Christine Taylor

Jackie Weir
Kelly Wick-Bartesch
Justine Warner

2014

WELS - Todd Jahns
NASCO - Tim Taggart
Rosie Sylvester
Brian Marx
Darci Mick-Beversdorf

2015

SPARK -
Leticia Gonzalez

2016

Tammy Baldwin

2017

Ken Carlson
Sandy Hagenbach
Tim Mueller
Mary Paluchniak

2018

Penny Kroening
Matt Pomeroy
Dr. Dan Timm
Dairy Farmers of
WI/FUTP60

2019

Kalise Horst
John Dooley/
Gopher Sport
Brian Goodmanson/
Skatetime
Tom Strenger/US
Games

2020

Doug Kane
Keith Bakken
Nicole Popowich

2021

Mary Lee Flannigan
Milwaukee Public
Schools

2022

Brett Fuller

2023

Jacob Breunig
WASB Team

2024

Wendy Wiesjahn

1998

Mary Knebel
Kris Riesenber

1999

Mary Krumrich

2000

No Nominees

2001

No Nominees

2002

Josh Springer

2003

Stacy Campagna

2004

Mackenzie
Mushel

2005

Amber Yerkey

2006

Tessa Wald

2007

Katie Strey

2008

Curtis Koch

2009

Amie Heinzelman

FUTURE PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

This award is given to recognize the outstanding leadership by a Future Professional who has been actively involved with WHPE for 2 years (presenter, worker, and officer). Unless otherwise specified by the WHPE President in consultation with the Future Professional Advisor, it is given to the retiring VP of the Future Professional Division. This award will be presented during the general assembly.

2010

Lucas Rank

2011

Ryan Heath

2012

David Lostetter

2013

Nathali Niedorowski

2014

Phillip White

2015

Zack Berg

2016

Jonah Campbell

2017

Molly Wistl

2018

John Walesewicz

2019

McKenzie Kirtz

2020

Zachery Falk

2021

Tommy Friday

2022

Rylee Dorow

2023

Lauren Kidd

2024

Kaycia Zimmerman

* deceased

1979
Alice Clawson
Robert Wells
1980
Vera Rimnac
1981
Judy Carlson
1982
Ben Bergsrud*
Gorden Jensen*
1983
AB Culver
Glenn Gerdes
1984
Shirley Jenner*
1985
Chet Bradley
1986
Donald Brault
Eric Kitzman
1987
Karen Cowan
Mary Mallett
1988
Alice Gansel
1989
Lane Goodwin
1990
Shirley White
1991
Mike Davis
1992
Dick Detert
1993
John Kading

1996
Dave Braby
1997
LexAnn Hitchcock
Gail Milbrath
1998
No Nominees
1999
Deborah Timmerman
2000
Barb Sheffield
Chris Zvara
2001
No Nominees
2002
No Nominees
2003
Sandra Hagenbach
Patricia O'Brien
Shirley White
Rosie Sylvester
2004
Doug Kane
Debbie Roesler*
2005
Linda Slaby
Carol Tyriver

HONOR AWARD

This award is given as a commendation for continuous and extended service to the Association and those professions aligned with it. The recipient must have held a minimum of 10 years of membership in WHPE. Service is interpreted as organizational activities, publications, research, excellence in teaching, innovative practices, and /or administrative and advocacy activities that enhance the image and reputation of WHPE among the public.

1994
Verallyn Cline
Sandra T. Norton
E. John Rabe
1995
Douglas Kane
Jo Lindoo
1996
Diane Corrigan
Christine Hein
1997
Sandy Price
1998
Mary Jane Carreno
1999
Scott Frazier
2000
No Nominees

2001
Larry Kopf
2002
Faye Perkins
2003
Kris Fritz
Rosie Sylvester
2004
Larry Cain*
Scott Frazier
2005
No Nominees
2006
Manny Felix
2007
Carol Tyriver
2008
Clare Boyle

2009
Alan Damato
Christine Zvara
2010
Patricia O'Brien
2011
Sandy Hagenbach
Janet Kunert
2012
Lori Petersen
2013
Crystal Gorwitz
2015
Brenda Erdman
Dan Timm
2016
No Nominees
2017
Patty Kestell
2018
No Nominees
2019
No Nominees
2021
Jo Bailey
Karen Petermann
2024
Debra Szama

JRFH/HOOPS EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award was created by WHPE to honor Bill Budris for his outstanding dedication and accomplishments in JRFH. The criteria are: a current WHPE member, professional involvement with WHPE and JRFH/HOOPS, excellence in teaching, and has unselfishly devoted extra energy and interest in the health of children.

2006
Brenda Erdman
Linda Hanson
2007
Jackie Rottler
Victor Murphy
2008
Kris Fritz
Patty Kestell
Dave Ostanek
Edith Schneider
Scott Sponholz
Brenda Wenzel

2009
Brad Brogley
Lisa Haberli
Lisa Strauss
Pat Witkowski
2010
Cari Campbell
Cindy Deuth
2011
Jackie Clark
Neil Seering

2012
Karen Albert
Crystal Gorwitz
Sherry Hintz
2013
Terry Hedman
2014
Penny Kroening
2015
Michael Beringer
2016
Lori Balistrieri
Renee Marshall
2017
Chris Behrens
Karen Petermann
Dave Weidenbach
2018
Eric Arndt
Patricia Chester
Katie Mulloy

* deceased

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award is granted as an award for outstanding service to the profession and WHPE. One so honored must be retired and should have held membership in the Association for a minimum of 20 years. Association Past Presidents, who for whatever reason (coming from another state, career change/ late entry into teaching or other related profession, etc.) will be eligible for this award immediately upon retirement and their candidacy will be at the determination of the Awards' C. and the EC. Outstanding service is interpreted as offices held, committee work, a long history of attendance at meetings/conventions, development of innovative programs, excellence in teaching, research, publications, participation in State, District and /or National initiatives, and representation of WHPE in District and National projects. The recipient has all rights, privileges and services belonging to members, and will be admitted to the annual Convention at no fee.

1957
Hans Reuter*
Emma Lou Wilder*
1958
E.G. Hoppe*
Robert Nohr*
1959
Gladys Bassett*
Margaret H'Doubler
Claxton*
1961
Katherine Cronin*
Florence Goodhue*
Grace Hildreth*
1963
Marie Carns*
Dorothy Dodge
Ruth Glassow*
Glen "Pat" Homes*
Frank Martin, Sr.*
1964
Arnold Christenson
Frank Keisler*
Jane Whitney
1967
Ruth Palmer*
1969
Pat Dawson*
Les Wilke*
1970
Bill Pickett*
Geroge Wolf
1972
Clarence Christensen
Ben Ford*
Ann Thomas*
1973
Norman Bussell
Elizabeth Ludwig*
Leon Miller*
Gelinda Vescolani*
1974
Beatrice Baird*
John Forti
Herman Kluge*
Armin Kraeft
Adolph Olson*
1975
Leonard Larson
Chester Wangerin*
1976
Louise Kloepper
John Nevers
Geroge T. Wilson
1977
John E. Anderson
Mary Fee
1978
Marjorie Tate
J. Grove Wolf
1981
Glen Smith*

1982
Marjorie Spring
Ernest Gershon*
E.N. Brodhagen*
Ida Hinz
Lee Stephenson*
1984
Fred Lengfeld
1985
Cliff Devoll
Eugene Kruchowski*
Grace Piskula
Florence Prybylowski
1986
M. Corrine Clark
Leo Kratz*
Robert McLaughlin
Harold Metzén*
Phyllis Roney*
1987
Don Brault
Alice Clawson
Frances Z. Cumbee*
Kay Peterson
1988
O.B. "Ben" Bergsrud
Vesta Buetow
Lolas Halverson*
Patricia O'Connor
1989
Gordon Jensen
Robert Schneider
1990
Anna Beth Culver
A. Jane Ellis
1991
Lane Goodwin
Lowell Johnson*
Willis Johnson*
1992
Richard Bergner
Neil Koeneman
1993
Dwight Bidwell*
Patricia Collins
Wayne "Pete" LaBorde*
James Toennies
1994
Julia Brown*
Carol Dobrunz*
1995
Robert Bowen
Alice Gansel
Ronald Wangerin
1996
No Nominees
1997
Ed Brown
Kay Carter
Eileen Muth*
1998
Sandra Norton
1999
John Kading
E. John Rabe

2000
No Nominees
2001
Beverly Bjornstad
Chet Bradley
Bill Budris
Margaret Dahlquist
Susan Grosse
Dennis Hood
Doug Kane
Ron Knorr*
Joan Lockart*
Martha Schuh
Martha Stephens
2002
Sharon O'Leary
2003
Richard Detert
2004
Kristine Fritz
Laura Lee Luebke
2005
Shirley White
2006
No Nominees
2007
Janet Kunert
Connie Stokes
2008
No Nominees
2009
No Nominees
2010
Mike Davis
2011
No Nominees
2012
Rosie Sylvester
2013
Mary Jane Carreno
Jon Hisgen
Christine Zvara
2015
Scott Frazier
2016
Crystal Gorwitz
Carol Tyriver
2017
Marcia Schmidt
2018
Gail Milbrath
Barb Sheffield
2019
No Nominees
2021
Keith Bakken
2022
Brett Fuller
Sandy Hagenbach
Lori Petersen

* deceased

HEALTH and/or PHYSICAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR

This award is given an individual who demonstrate leadership in health or physical education at the national, regional, and/or state level. This individual will have:

- Demonstrated service to the profession through publications, presentations, work-shops, in-services, etc.
- Demonstrate advocacy for quality education.
- Demonstrate significant contributions to curriculum development, technology, innovation, staff development, program improvement, or resource development in physical education.

2015	2018	2021
Eileen Hare	Brett Fuller	Ashley Riley
2016	2019	
Mikki Duran	Karen Wegge	

ADAPTED PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes those who exhibit excellence in teaching Adapted Physical Education (APE). It recognizes outstanding physical educators who teach APE to individuals with disabilities in programs for ages birth to adult. Recipients must demonstrate conducting a quality program as reflected in student individualized education plans (IEP's) and based upon accepted APE standards, utilize various teaching methodologies, serve as a positive role model, participate in professional development and provide service to individuals with disabilities through advocacy, consultation, inservice training presentations and / or active membership in related professional organizations. The recipient must have a minimum of 5 years as a WHPE member and 5 years teaching experience. These individuals must teach full-time and have at least 50% responsibility contact devoted toward teaching APE.

2005	2009	2016	2023
Deb Krueger	Carrie Paterson	Tim Swenson	Steve Eggerichs
2006	2012	2020	
Martha Tymeson	Marquell Johnson	Sadie Brown	

* deceased

DANCE TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is given to a dance teacher who has major responsibility for teaching dance. The applicant must be a teacher who:

- Teaches creatively and utilizes various methodologies
- Presents a balanced and sequential curriculum based on the developmental, social and psychological needs of the students
- Emphasizes the significance of dance as an integral cultural component that enables students to understand their own cultural heritage as well as that of others
- Promotes an understanding of dance as a creative art through the discussion of aesthetics of students' own works and/or the works of others
- Encourages an appreciation of dance as a performing art through viewing live and/or recorded works by community and professional dance companies
- Provides opportunities for students to share their creative work with appropriate audiences
- Serves as a positive role model for students both in dance technique and life skills
- Shows professional commitment through membership and active participation in local, state, regional, and/or national dance organizations

1989
Shari Oliva

2003
Deb Arnold

1990
Shari Younger

2009
Kitty Erdman

1991
Kathy Jorgenson

1995
Chet E. Bradley
Richard A. Detert
Tom Kidd
1996
Walter Iselin
Roger Puza
Deborah Tackmann
1997
No Nominees
1998
Jon Hisgen
1999
Gretchen Beckstrom
Nancy Kidd
2000
No Nominees
2001
Penny Lyter
2002
No Nominees
2003
Pam Pinahs-Schultz
2004
Ron Borkowicz
Shirley White
2005
Brenda Johnson
2006
No Nominees
2007
No Nominees

HEALTH EDUCATOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR

This award is given in recognition to an individual who has major responsibility for health education in public or private school, grades K-12; an institution of higher education; a community health program; gov't. health agency; or worksite wellness/health program. WHPE membership is required with at least five years of membership and five years of teaching experience in the field of Health Education. Additional criteria include: significant contributions to the profession in the areas of teaching, research, creative activities, and service. SHAPE membership is required if the State winner wishes to have his/her application advanced to the Midwest District selection process. Three letters of reference are required, as are answers to specific questions to accompany nomination.

2008
Randal Green
2009
No Nominees
2010
Stephanie Rowe
2011
No Nominees
2012
Mary Wentland
2013
No Nominees
2014
Colleen McCabe
2015
Kathleen Dreyer
2016
Patricia Zemke
2017
No Nominees
2018
No Nominees
2019
Allisha
Blanchette
2021
Ian Lacasse
2022
Santee Ortz
2024
Nathan Korth

* deceased

1967
Richard Bergner
Esther Heiden
Catherine Stever

1969
Annastasia Batikis
Clarence Christensen
Gerald Stadler

1973
Sara Lee Grant

1974
Katherine Welch

1975
Ruth Swanson
Ken Potterton

1976
Walter Dreyer
Bernadine Kunkel

1977
Patricia Browning
Shirley White

1978
Lowell Johnson*
Laura Lee Luebke

1979
O.B. "Ben" Bergsrud*

1980
Florence Prybylowski

1981
Ernest Gershon

1982
Dorothy Willers

1983
Kay Carter
Jorene Ziebell
Judith Pace

1984
David Braby
Pat Lamb
Judith A. Rabak
Lorraine Steuck

1985
Fred Adams
John Pieper
E. John Rabe
Matha Schuh

1986
Katie Dorow*
Barbara Sheffield
Nancy Spalding

1987
Verallyn Cline
Joan Lockhart
Ron Wangerin

1988
Patrica Collins
John Kading
Douglas Kane
Mary Pat Thompson

1989
Chris Hetzel
Carol Huettig
Nancy Hunter
Betty Karen

1990
A. Jane Ellis
Margaret Dahlquist
Connie Stokes
Deborah Timmerman

1991
Carol LeBreck

1992
Bill Budris
Eileen Muth

2000
Linda Kae Hanson
Margaret Kading
Shirley White

2001
Judy Pace
Chris Rumbelow

2002
Carol Tyriver

2003

2008
Karl Peters
Cindy Forsythe
Mary DeMunck

2009
Sandy Hagenbach
Tonya Gnewikow
Tracy Yengo

2010
Brenda Erdman
Brenda Johnson

2011
Joanna Bailey
Brenda Wenzel

2012
Patty Kestell
Brian Marx

2013
Michael Beringer
Maureen Vorwald

2014
Gail Milbrath
Ken Smith

2015
Penny Kroening
Kyra Neumann

2016
Karen Petermann
Tim Mueller
James Gostomski

2017
Katie Mulloy
Keith Barton

2018
Dave Weidenbach
Molly Dado

2019
Chris Wendorf
Peter Toutenhoofd
Dr. Debra Sazama

2020
Kim Selby
Shannon Maly

2021
Karen Albert
Matt Pomeroy

2022
Melanie Gearhart
Nathali Jones
Rebekah Johnson

2023
Dave Rautmann
Ryan McKinney

2024
Stacy Cappozza
Courtney Lukasavitz

PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award recognizes outstanding teaching in physical education in WI. Recipients must conduct a quality physical education program as reflected by standards using various teaching methodologies, serve as a positive role model for the profession, participate in professional development opportunities, and provide professional leadership through presentations, leadership, and writing. The recipient must have a minimum of 5 years as a WHPE member and 5 years teaching experience. The candidate must teach full-time and have a minimum 50% contact time devoted toward the teaching of Physical Education.

1993
Kristine Fritz
Susan Grosse
Sharon O'Leary

1994
Mary Jane Carreno

1995
Don Kollath
Martha Stephens
Christine Zvara
Mary Kelly*

1996
Richard Detert

1997
Lenna Hanson

1998
Lynn Vande Sande

1999
Cindy Albert
Jane Koval

Cheryl Richardson
Crystal Gorwitz
Marcia Schmidt
Sue Barnd

2004
Manny Felix
Mark Little
Rosie Sylvester

2005
Jackie Clark
Darrell Patterson
Jeff Lindauer

2006
Carol Hanson
Cheryl Gorski
Lori Petersen

2007
Lisa Haberli
Roi Gluch
Kristi Mally

* deceased

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

This award is to be determined solely by the WHPE President in recognition for service and assistance rendered to them during their term as President. It is recommended that the President limits the number of service awards to 6 during their presidency. Additional service awards must be approved by the Executive Committee.

1972	1990	Mark Little	Paul Bierman
Ida A. Hinz	Anna Beth Culver	Dr. Patrick Meehan	Westside Elementary
Leo Kratz	Nancy Gurrie	Connie Stokes	School PTO
Pat O'Connor	Kate Trnka	Carol Tyrivier	Todd, Hannah, Leah,
Les Smith	1991	2002	and Ella Erdman
William Morgan	Ed Brown	Beverly Bjornstad	2011
1973	Chet Bradley	Kris Fritz	Keith Bakken
Gordon Jensen	1992	Linda Kae Hanson	Mary DeMunck
Ronald Wangerin	Bill Budris	Doug Kane	Susan Flynn
1974	Larry Kopf	Marge Kobs	Kristen Gurtner
Vesta Buetow	1993	Walter Kobs	Senator Herb Kohl
Sr. Margaret-Mary	Anna Beth Culver	Barb Sheffield	Janet Kunert
Martin	Carol Dobrunz	Shirley White	Deborah Marx
1975	Terry Fargen	2003	Lisa Schweitzer
Kathleen E. Stevens	Mike Haeuser*	Susan Barnd	Perry Sylvester
1976	Kate Trnka	Larry Cain*	Rosie Sylvester
A. Jane Ellis	1994	Krist Fritz	Diane Ulezeski
Shirley Jenner	Dick Detert	Richard Mikat	2012
Jan Jensen	Sharon O'Leary	Susan Schoenberg	Brenda Erdman
Leo Kratz	Nicole Popowich	2004	Brian Marx
Marjorie Spring	E. John Rabe	Larry Cain*	Marcia Schmidt
1977	1995	Kristine Fritz	2013
O.B. "Ben" Bergsrud	Neil Koeneman	Deb Grundahl	Scott Frazier
J. Grove Wolf	Janet Kunert	Jan Kunert	Jan Kunert
1978	Beth McLeod	Barbara Moulton	Gail Milbrath
Ida A. Hinz	E. John Rabe	Shirley White	Karen Wegge
1979	1996	2005	2014
Judith Carlson	Julia Brown	Keith Bakken	Andrea Brehm
Laura Lee Luebke	Susan J. Grosse	Larry Cain*	Charles Brehm
Cliff DeVoll	Douglas Hastad	Cindy Death	Thomas Johansen
1980	Eileen Muth	Kristine Fritz	Kristi Roth
E. John Rabe	1997	Lisa Haberli	Allisha Blanchette
Peg Roxby	Keith Bakken	Tom Peterson	2015
1981	Julia Brown	Nicole Popowich	Dave Braby
Connie Koudelka	Susan J. Grosse	Carol Tyrivier	Bruce Dreyer
Elba Stafford	Douglas Hastad	Brenda Wenzel	2016
Margaret Safrit	Eileen Muth	Renee Wolters	Chris Rumbelow
1982	1998	2006	Scott Sponholz
Laura Lee Luebke	Keith Bakken	Keith Bakken	David Nelson
Emogene Nelson*	Julia Brown	Kris Fritz	Chris Simenz
1983	Fran Kasten	John Kading	Betty Fuller
Neil Koeneman	Neil Koeneman	Bob McIntosh	2017
1984	Bob Schneider	Nicole Popowich	Karen Noel
Barbara Sheffield	1999	Gary Schmidt	Irene Cucina
1985	Deborah Arnold	2007	True Vang
Karen Cowan	Denis Barnard	Keith Bakken	2018
Bob Schneider	Fred Braby	Larry Cain*	Jo Bailey
1986	Gail Milbrath	Scott Frazier	Khyl Berndt
Alice Gansel	Kate Trnka	Kristine Fritz	Brenda Erdman
1987	Neil Koeneman	Janet Kunert	Hans Fester
Ed Brown	Sharon O'Leary	Russ Peloquin	Kris Fritz
Robert Wells	Darlene Witkowski	Lori Petersen	Wendy Wiesjahn
1988	2000	Nicole Popowich	2019
Vesta Buetow	Anna Beth Culver	Marcia Schmidt	Darci Mick-Beversdorf
Anna Beth Culver	Scott Frazier	Marilyn Skrivseth	Mary Wentland
Shari Oliva	Kristin Gueldenzopf	Joanne Suomi	2020
E. John Rabe	John Kading	Rosie Sylvester	Jackie Clark
1989	Janet Kunert	2008	Katie Mulloy
Robert Bowen	Sharon O'Leary	Scott Frazier	2021
Dave Braby	Shirley White	Jeff Lindauer	Ann & Brad Hanson
Barbara Budris	2001	2009	Mary Kennedy
Rod Gehrig	Dennis Hood	Kris Fritz	2022
Jon Hisgen	John Kading	Cheryl Gorski	Scott Frazier
		Jamie Graper	Wendy Wiesjahn
		Jan Kunert	2023
		Lori Petersen	Katie Mulloy
		Perry Sylvester	Kim Selby
		2010	2024
		Keith Bakken	Allisha Blanchette
		Scott Frazier	Sadie Brown
		Jon Hisgen	Brenda Erdman
		Carrie Nevins	
		Lori Petersen	
		Tom Benson	

* deceased

1958 Anna L. Thomas
 1959 Gelinda Vescolani*
 1960 John E. Anderson
 1961 Frances Z. Cumbee
 1962 Lawrence Rarick
 1963 Fern Ehlers Schroll*
 1964 Donald Brault
 1965 Phyllis Roney
 1966 Glenn Smith
 1967 Lolas Halverson*
 1968 Harold Metzen
 1969 Emogene Nelson*
 1970 O.B. "Ben" Bergsrud*
 1971 Grace Piskula
 1972 Glenn Gerdes*
 1973 Judy Carlson
 1974 Robert McLaughlin
 1975 Florence Prybylowski
 1976 Leo Kratz
 1977 Anna Beth Culver

PAST PRESIDENT AWARD

This award is given to the outgoing Past President of WHPE in recognition of completing his/her term of leadership as President-elect, President, and Past President. It recognizes continuous leadership and service at the highest office of the Association as demonstrated by growth within the profession. The WHPE President recommends the individual to the Ex. C. and no documentation is necessary nor action taken by Awards Committee. This award will be presented during the general assembly.

1978 Michael Davis
 1979 Martha Bagley
 1980 Kay Peterson
 1981 Laura Lee Luebke
 1982 Cliff DeVoll
 1983 Carol Dobrunz*
 1984 Dwight Bidwell
 1985 Nancy L. Spalding
 1988 Jon Hisgen
 1989 Susan J. Grosse

1990 Bill Budris
 1991 Shirley Jenner*
 1992 Neil Koeneman
 1993 Sharon O'Leary
 1994 E. John Rabe
 1995 Connie Stokes
 1996 Dennis Hood
 1997 Leslie Oganowski
 1998 John Kading
 1999 Shirley White

2000 Doug Kane
 2001 Kris Fritz
 2002 Larry Cain*
 2003 Christine Zvara
 2004 Scott Frazier
 2005 Rosie Sylvester
 2006 Manny Felix
 2007 Marcia Schmidt
 2008 Jeff Lindauer
 2009 Joanne Suomi
 2010 Rosie Sylvester
 2011 Brenda Erdman
 2012 Brian Marx
 2013 Crystal Gorwitz
 2015 Jo Bailey
 2017 Brett Fuller
 2019 Patty Kestell
 2021 Maureen Vorwald
 2023 Dr. Dan Timm

1982
Robert Edginton
1984
Keri Lynn Karner
1987
Thomas Dahl
Carrie Raffensperger
1989
Jay Johnson
Lisa Klein
1990
Beth Laedtke
1991
Kitty Danhouser
Erdman
1992
Christopher
Rumbelow
1993
Mike Haeuser*
Kate Trnka
1994
Denis Barnard
Rodney Holler
1995
Sue Tarr
1996
Scott Steebs
1997
Brian Walker
1998
Lisa Haberli
Kurt Krueger

PROMISING PROFESSIONAL AWARD

This award is given to a WHPE member who has been a practicing professional eight (8) years or less (PK-12 teaching or related fields/including any teaching during graduate school experiences, or other professionally related work experiences post baccalaureate). The individual must show: A. active involvement in WHPE, B. leadership related to the goals of the Assn., C. service related to WHPE Mission; D. personal achievements to date.

1999
Lisa Strauss
2000
Autumn
Dickie
Blake Peuse
2001
Greg Emerson
2002
Stacy Bolder
2003
Brenda Wenzel

Kelly Arps
2009
Khyll Berndt
2010
Trina Schuh
Samantha Tahic
2011
Scott Carlson
2012
Heidi Wara
2013
Jenna Handel
Bethany Matzen
2014
Erika Minzlaff
Kathryn
Thomae-Wiese
2015
Eric Bieszk
Anna Brady
2016
Kaitlyn Bloemer
2017
Alexis Mashak
Will Westphal
2018
Jena O'Flanagan
2019
Dakota Berg
2021
Katie Shulfer
2022
Korey Kleinhans

* deceased

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION AWARD

The Retirement Recognition Award is given to honor a retired members of WHPE who is not eligible for the Life membership Award but has faithfully served the Association and the state of Wisconsin.

1984	Jane Clausen Maxine Nobienksy	1996	Wayne Gorell David Hochtritt Judy Wilson	2007	David Budzien Thomas Buhr Linda Hanson Mary Kennedy Darrell Patterson	2016	Victoria Blaskowski-Olson Gail Cameron Doreen Grams Wanda Schwoch
1985	John Van Veghel	1997	Joan Lockhart	2008	James Batesky Dave Braby Scott Sponholz Cheryl Kasuboski Fred Braby	2017	Dana Berns Don Glover Marilee Hoffman William Kirsch Deb Mikich Andy Pilch Roger Young
1986	Annastasia Batikis Bob Christianson Ruth Grauerd Alvin Hovland Alice Johnson Lovell McCulloch Margaret Panawash Glen Preser	1998	Paul Naumann	2009	Lynn Coleman LexAnn Hitchcock	2018	Mary Lou Eggert Janet Fendos Penny Kroening Lori Petersen Nancy Seymour Kate Trnka
1987	Nellie Sparksrt Fredzell Goetter John Schaumann Don Grindrod*	1999	No Nominees	2010	John Dimond Paula Fochesato Larry Kopf	2019	Becky Farra Lisa Larson Barb Moulton
1988	Robert Batchelder Richard Bergner Diana DeVoll Ned Hodgson Eric Kitzman Robert Krueger Marjorie Schroeder Vera Willaim	2000	John Kading Fran Kasten	2011	Sue Damske Shawn Fredricks Donna Meier Anita Palmer	2020	Deb Grundahl Robert Petermann Judy Vanderford
1989	Ken Potterton Kathryn Vonderau	2001	Margaret Dahlquist Susan Grosse Dennis Hood Jan Jensen Charles Nader Martha Schuh	2012	Chuck DeMunck Mary DeMunck Cindy Forsythe Marcia Schmidt	2021	Larry Kartz
1990	Wayne "Pete" LaBorde Yvonne Meyer MaryAnn Ricco Peg Roxby Margaret Jo Safrit Arlyn Stertz Martha Van Steenderen Special Honor Award Keith French*	2002	Karen Cowan	2013	Diane Burg Alan "Bud" Damato Jeff Sikich	2022	Patricia Abraham Sherry Craig
1991	Wayne Kaufman	2003	John Breaker Diane Corrigan Lorraine Steuck	2014	Cassie Cibik-Moeller Pat O'Brien Carole Zierden	2023	Larry Noll Karen Petermann Steph Rowe Sharon Stoll
1993	Ron Knorr	2004	Deborah Arnold Elizabeth Brown James Clark James Hartwig Christine Hein Margaret Kading John Klement Sue McConnell Betty Nicka	2015	Polly Bigler Bruce Dreyer Dale Garman Karen Hilleren Pam Lahmann Mary Mikich Mike Seiler Jeff Steffen	2024	Jennifer Day-Nelson Jeff Johnson Ann Kollross Haupt
1994	Helen Briwa	2005	Dave Gehr Brent Halverson Deb Hulbert Mary Lubner Jerry Matuszek Roger Puza				
1995	Beverly Bjornstad	2006	Len Hill Jacqueline Tyers				

* deceased

WHPE MAJOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award recognizes one outstanding student (Future Professional) from WHPE. The recipient must be a current member with at least one year of previous membership. The individual must be on track toward a degree in Health, Physical Education or Adapted Physical Education and have junior or senior standing.

2021
Rebecca Opp

2023
Abby King

* deceased

OFFICIAL NOMINATION FOR WHPE AWARDS

(Please type or hand print carefully)

DEADLINE - February 1st, 2025

1. Nominated for _____ Award

2. Candidates Name: _____
Last First MI

Home Address: _____
Street

_____ City State Zip

Home Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____
(Area Code)

Work Place: _____

Work Address: _____
Street

_____ City State Zip

3. Present position (Title, Location, Level of Employment, Years of Teaching): _____

4. Brief summary of candidate's qualifications for the award.

Submitted by: _____

Address: _____
City State Zip

Home Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____
(Area Code)

Return completed form to: WHPE Awards Committee, Mitchell Hall, UW-La Crosse, La Crosse, WI 54601.
Following nomination, candidates will receive a request for pertinent biographical data and letters of recommendation. Completed applications will be submitted to the WHPE Awards Committee for screening and recommendation to the WHPE Executive Committee for final approval.

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