



BEST OF THE WEST AWARD RECIPIENTS

2018 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Economic Engine
Excellence in Innovation
Quality of Life Enhancement – Education
Quality of Life Enhancement – Community
West Valley Regional Advancement
West Valley Inspiration in Leadership
President's Choice

RECIPIENT:

ISM Raceway
City of Surprise AZ TechCelerator Global Concierge Service Program
Midwestern University
Abrazo West Campus
Sharon Harper, Plaza Companies
Herman Orcutt, Retired Founder of Orcutt Winslow
Cheryl Covert, City of Avondale

2017 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Economic Engine
Excellence in Innovation
Quality of Life Enhancement – Education
Quality of Life Enhancement – Community
West Valley Regional Advancement
West Valley Inspiration in Leadership
President's Choice

RECIPIENT:

PV | 303 Business Park
City of Goodyear & SRP
PUSD CTE Program
Tri-City West Thornwood Branch of the Boys & Girls Club of Phoenix
John Graham, Sunbelt Holdings
Joe La Rue, Sun Health
Mike Hoover, City of Surprise

2016 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Economic Engine
Excellence in Innovation
Quality of Life Enhancement
West Valley Regional Advancement
West Valley Inspiration in Leadership

RECIPIENT:

Epcor Water – Luke 303 Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility
Sun Health at Home
City of Surprise Resource Center
Dr. Denton Santarelli
Senator John McCain

2015 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Economic Engine
Excellence in Innovation
Quality of Life Enhancement
West Valley Regional Advancement

West Valley Inspiration in Leadership

RECIPIENT:

Aspera
WestMEC Southwest Energy Partners Campus
Benevilla
Cancer Treatment Centers of America at the Western Regional
Medical Center in Goodyear
Dr. Marwan Sabbagh, Director of Alzheimer's Disease and Memory
Disorder Division at Barrow Neurological Institute

2014 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Economic Engine
Excellence in Innovation
Quality of Life Enhancement
West Valley Visionary
West Valley Regional Advancement

RECIPIENT:

Northern Parkway – Phase One
BioInspire
United Community Action Network (UCAN)
Dr. Lattie Coor
Charley Freericks, DMB Associates



West Valley Inspiration in Leadership

The Honorable Janice K. Brewer

2013 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Economic Engine
Excellence in Innovation
Quality of Life Enhancement
West Valley Inspiration in Leadership
West Valley Regional Advancement

RECIPIENT:

Southwest Railplex – City of Surprise
The Arizona Marathon – Half-Relay – 5K – Fit Kids
Peoria Unified School District’s MyLife Program
The Honorable Marie Lopez Rogers
Michael Bidwill and the Arizona Cardinals

2012 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Economic Engine
Excellence in Innovation
Quality of Life Enhancement
WESTMARC Leadership
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award
Special Recognition
Special Recognition
Special 20th Anniversary BOTW Award

RECIPIENT:

Midwestern University
Arizona Metropolitan Trust (AzMT)
Changing Communities through a Culture of Sustainability (GCC)
Candace Wiest
Diane McCarthy
The Honorable John Nelson
The Honorable Elaine Scruggs
The Luke Forward Campaign (Charlie Freericks, Elaine Scruggs, Co-Chairs)

2011 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Economic Engine
Excellence in Innovation
Quality of Life Enhancement
WESTMARC Leadership
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

RECIPIENT:

Banner Thunderbird Medical Center Campus Expansion Project
Glendale Oasis Groundwater Treatment Plant
Arizona Broadway Theatre
Harry Paxton
The Honorable Max Wilson

2010 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Architectural Innovation
Arts & Culture
Attractions, Destinations & Entertainment
Building Business – Sustainability
Education - Higher Education

RECIPIENT:

West-MEC Aviation Technology High School
The Bead Museum, Glendale
Camelback Ranch, Glendale
AZ TechCelerator, Surprise
Estrella Mountain Community College and Southwest Valley
Chamber of Commerce

2010 AWARD WINNERS, CONT'D

Education - K-12
Leadership - Individual
Emerging Leader - Under 40
Service to Communities - Health & Wellness
Service to Communities - Municipal
Service to Communities - Non-Profit
Outstanding WESTMARC Member
Chairman’s Award
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

Mountain Ridge High School’s Interact Club
Gloria Powell, RN
Molly Stockley
Cancer Treatment Center of America, Goodyear
Care 1st Avondale Resource and Housing Center
The Maryvale Project, by Maryvale Revitalization Corporation
Mary Ann Lavine
The Honorable Claude Mattox, Phoenix City Councilman
The Honorable Ed Pastor, U. S. Representative

2009 AWARD WINNERS

**CATEGORY:**

Architectural Innovation
Arts & Culture
Attractions, Destinations & Entertainment
Building Business - Less than 50 Employees
Education - Higher Education
Education - K-12
Leadership - Individual
Leadership - Organization
Emerging Leader - Under 40
Service to Communities - Health & Wellness
Service to Communities - Municipal
Care
Service to Communities - Non-Profit
Sports
Chairman's Award
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

RECIPIENT:

Orcutt|Winslow Partnership/Pendergast Elementary School
Mosaic Avondale and Hands-On, Avondale
Grand Canal Linear Park and Trail, Glendale
Thompson's Valley West Funeral Chapel
Communiversi@Surprise
Mountain Ridge High School "Pride of the West" Marching Band
Dr. Jim Rice, Superintendent, Alhambra School District
Southwest Valley Family YMCA Teen Council
Landis Elliott
Arnold's Place Assisted Living Facility
City of Surprise, Rio Salado Lifelong Learning and Interfaith Community

New Life Center, Goodyear
Goodyear Ballpark
Wildlife World Zoo & Aquarium
Governor Jan Brewer

2008 AWARD WINNERS**CATEGORY:**

Architectural Innovation
Arts, Culture and Entertainment
Attractions, Destinations and Tourism
Building Business - 50 or Less Employees
Building Business - 50 or More
Education - K-12
Education - Higher Education
Leadership – Individual
Leadership – Organization
Service to Communities – Health & Wellness
Service to Communities – Municipal
Service to Communities – Other
Sports
Chairman's Award
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement

RECIPIENT:

Westgate City Center
West Valley Arts Council's Big Read
Arrowhead Towne Center
West Valley National Bank
Ashley Furniture HomeStore
Westside Impact Consortium
ASU Project ASPIRE Avondale Elem. School District Partnership
John Longabaugh
Sun Health's Nursing Education Training Unit/Pat Green, MSN, RN
Sun Health Olive Branch Senior Center
City of Peoria Butler Drive Water Reclamation Facility
Dysart Community Center Laubach Literacy Program
Superbowl XLII
Leland Peterson
Herman Orcutt

2007 AWARD WINNERS**CATEGORY:**

Architectural Innovation
Arts, Culture & Entertainment (tie)
Arts, Culture & Entertainment (tie)
Attractions, Destinations and Tourism
Building Business – 50 or Less Employees
Building Business – 50 or More Employees

RECIPIENT:

Marley Park
Tres Rios Nature & Earth Festival
West Valley Arts Council – West Valley Cultural & Heritage Blueprint
Peoria Sports Complex
West Valley National Bank
Sun Health Research Institute

2007 AWARD WINNERS, CONT'D

Education – Higher Education (tie)
Education – Higher Education (tie)
Education – Higher Education (tie)
MAC Program
Education – K-12
Leadership – Individual

Rio Salado College Lifelong Learning Center
Goodyear's Recruitment of Private Institutions of Higher Learning
ASU's College of Teacher Education Program and Leadership in

Alhambra Foundation for the Future
Master Sergeant Curtis Crigger



Leadership – Program
Service to Communities – Health & Wellness
Fair Service to Communities – Health
Service to Communities – Municipal
Center Service to Communities – Other (tie)
Service to Communities – Other (tie)
Sports
Chairman’s Award
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

The Sky’s the Limit CTE Career Expo 2006
Banner Thunderbird’s Children’s Safety
Dream Catcher Park
City of Glendale Foothills Recreation and Aquatics
Maryvale Revitalization Corporation
Luke Enlisted Force
Glendale’s Got Game – City of Glendale & Fiesta Bowl Partners
The Honorable Elaine Scruggs, Mayor, City of Glendale
The Honorable John Nelson, Arizona House of Representatives

2006 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Architectural Innovation
Community Center
Arts, Entertainment and Sports
Program Attractions, Destinations and Tourism
Building Business – 50 or Less Employees
Building Business – 50 or More Employees
Celebrating Cultural Awareness
Education – Higher Education
Futuro Education – K-12
Leadership – Individual
Leadership – Program
of I-10
Service to Communities – Health & Wellness
Leadership Service to Communities – Municipal
Service to Communities – Other
Chairman’s Award
(AZSTA) John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

RECIPIENT:

City of Phoenix Palo Verde Branch Library and Maryvale

Alhambra Head Start’s Young Artists
Phoenix International Raceway
Wilhelm Automotive
Sun Health Brain & Body Donation Program
Mexican Americans of Litchfield Park Oral History Project
Estrella Mountain Partners with Intel: Hermanas Disena Tu
Sun Health Apple A Day
Leonard J. Kirschner, M.D., M.P.H.
Partnership of the Southwest Valley Mayors to accelerate the widening

Midwestern University – 10 Years of
City of Peoria Desert Fusion Garden
Kidz Kan
Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority
Phoenix International Raceway

2005 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Architectural Innovation
Complex Arts, Entertainment and Sports
Attractions, Destinations and Tourism
Building Business - 50 of Less Employees
Building Business - 50 or More Employees
Celebrating Cultural Awareness
West Campus
Education – Higher Education
Education – K-12
Leadership – Individual
Leadership – Program
Service to Communities – Health & Wellness
Service to Communities – Municipal
Team Service to Communities – Other
Chairman’s Award
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

RECIPIENT:

Smith Group – City of Avondale City
West Valley Arts Council 2005-2006 Season
White Tank Mountain Regional Park
Marley Park Phase I, LLC
Lockheed Martin Integrated Systems and Solutions
Public Events Multicultural Series at Arizona State University’s

Glendale Community College Forensics Program
Lockheed Martin Information Technology (IT) Apprenticeship Program
Dr. Kino Flores
Leadership West
Banner Estrella Medical Center
56th Fighter Wing Community Initiative
Buckeye Food Bank
Peoria Rotary Club
West Valley Mayoral Leadership for Transportation

2004 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Arts, Entertainment and Sports

RECIPIENT:

Del E. Webb Center for the Performing Arts



Attractions, Destinations and Tourism
Building Business - 50 or Less Employees
Building Business - 50 or More Employees
Celebrating Cultural Awareness
Education - Higher Education
Education - K-12
Leadership
Service to Communities - Health & Wellness
Service to Communities - Municipal
Service to Communities - Other
Chairman's Award
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

Bethany Home Outfall Channel / Grand Canal Linear Park
The Luminarium at Estrella Mountain Ranch
Hickman's Egg Ranch
More than a Century of Peoria People, Progress and Pride
The Smith Group
NAF-PUSD Academy Programs
Marcie Ellis
Relay for Life – Glendale Union High School District
Healthy Avondale 2010 Partnership
Stepping Stone Foundation
ASU's West Campus Freshman Experience Office
Dr. Phillip Randolph, President, Glendale Community College

2003 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Arts, Entertainment and Sports (tie)
Arts, Entertainment and Sports (tie)
Attractions, Destinations and Tourism
Business (tie)
Building Business (tie)
Celebrating Cultural Awareness
Education (tie)
Education (tie)
Leadership
Service to Communities (tie)
Service to Communities (tie)
Service to Communities (tie)
Chairman's Award
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

RECIPIENT:

Heard Museum - ASU West Native American Art Workshop
PUSD Arts Festival Sponsored by "PEEF"
Robson's Arizona Mining World Building
Arrowhead Community Bank, Glendale
Byrd Enterprises
Liberty School District's "Hands Across the Border Program"
Glendale Community College Tech Camp
Esperanza Elementary School Project Leap
Sharon Harper
BHHS Legacy Foundation
Blue Cross Blue Shield of AZ Health Safari
Phoenix Fire Department
City of Glendale Leadership
Karl Abel

2002 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Building Business

Celebrating Cultural Awareness
Education - Higher Education

Education K-12/Higher Education
Center
Leadership
Arts, Entertainment & Sports
Arts, Entertainment & Sports
Education K-12
Education K-12
Service to Communities
Service to Communities
Service to Communities - Municipal
Service to Communities - Municipal
Chairman's Award
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

RECIPIENT:

The Louisa Kellam Center for Women's Health at
Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital
City of Glendale Diversity Committee
NASA Center for Success in Math & Science at Estrella
Mountain Community College
Smithsonian Institution Education Conference at the Challenger Space

Dwight Amery
ASU West Interdisciplinary Arts & Performance Series
Symphony of the West Valley
Continuing Education Academy
Coyote Academy
Interfaith Community Care
Kids Campus - West Valley Child Crisis Center
Avondale Fire Department Baby Shots Program
Phoenix Fire Department Baby Shots Program
Birt and Louisa Kellam
William O. Tainter



2001 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Arts, Entertainment & Sports
Attractions, Destinations & Tourism
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Building Business - 50 or less
Building Business - more than 50
Celebrating Cultural Awareness
Education- Higher Education
Education- K-12 (Elementary)

Education- K-12 (High School)
Leadership
Service To Communities
Services To Communities – Municipal
Program Chairman's Award
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

RECIPIENT:

ASU's Sundome Center for the Performing Arts
The Knight Space Science Education Center of Arizona

Smithsonian Affiliation
Southwest Specialty Food, Inc.
Boswell Memorial Hospital
Del E. Webb Performing Arts Center
ACE Plu
LINKS - Living In a New Kid's Shoes Program/ Wildflower School
Leadership West Class VII Education Group; Avondale Elementary School
Dist.; SW Valley C of C
Against All Odds Scholarship Awards Program
Dr. Carol G. Peck, Superintendent, Alhambra School District
West Valley Gallery 37
Surprise Fire Department Alternative Response
ASU West's transformation into a four-year university
The Honorable Bob Stump, U.S. Representative

2000 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Attractions, Destinations & Tourism

Building Business - More than 50
Celebrating Cultural Awareness
Week Education - Higher Education
Education - K-12
Leadership
Service to Communities
Service to Communities – Municipal
Program
Sports, Arts & Entertainment
Entertainment Chairman's

Lifetime Achievement

RECIPIENT:

Knight Space Science Education Center & Challenger
Learning Center of Arizona
Goodyear Airport New Terminal
ASU West's Martin Luther King Celebration
inspire.teach
Alhambra School District's Business Partnership Program
Robert & Nancy Root, Volunteers Par Excellence
Maryvale U.N.I.T.E. Neighborhood Association
City of Glendale, Community Volunteer

The Variety Show, 21Years of Show-Stopping
Southwest Transit Assessment & Review Team
West Valley Recreation
Corridor
John F. Long

1999 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Attractions, Destination & Tourism
Building Communities (tie)
Building Communities (tie)
Education (tie)
Education (tie)
Leadership
Sports, Arts & Entertainment
Service to Communities
Chairman's Award

RECIPIENT:

Duncan Family Farm
Rebuilding Old Town Peoria
Estrella Mountain Ranch by SunChase
Litchfield Elementary School PTSA's Artist-in-Residence Program
Desert Sky Mall Presents "Webster's World of Reading
Phoenix Police Department's Maryvale Precinct Woodmar IV Project
Theater Works
The El Mirage Teen Center Project
A. Wallace and Edith Litchfield Denny



1998 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Attractions, Destinations, and Tourism
Art Building Communities
Education (tie)

Education (tie)

RECIPIENT:

McCall Museum of Space
Goodyear General Plan
Regional Cisco Networking Academy – Estrella Mountain
Community College
Regional Cisco Networking Academy – Peoria Unified School District

1998 AWARD WINNERS, CONT'D

Education (tie)
Leadership
Service to Communities
Sports, Art and Entertainment
Chairman's Award

Teacher Mentor Program
Dorothy Huntsman
Eldervation
1998 Peoria Chess Exhibition & Tournament
R. H. Johnson

1997 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Growth
Recreation

Education - K-8
Education - 9-12 (tie)

Education - 9-12 (tie)
Education - Higher Education
Arts
Team - Individual
Team – Group

Enriching West Valley Communities

Glendale Chairman's Award

RECIPIENT:

Del Webb's Sun City Grand / John Waldron
Desert West Skateboard Plaza / City of Phoenix Parks, Recreation
& Library Dept.
PASS After School Program / Dysart Unified School District
Introtech: Exploring Technology for the Future / Glendale Union
High School District Partnership
Surprise Academic Enrichment Program / City of Surprise
University - College Center / ASU West / Glendale Community College
Soleri Amphitheater / Glendale Community College
Capt. Patrick McCrea / 308th Fighter Squadron
Southwest City/School /Developer's Partnership Compact / City of
Goodyear
Xeriscape Botanical Garden / City of

1996 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Arts

Education - K-8
Education - High School
Education - Higher Education

Growth
Recreation
Service to Communities - Individual
Service to Communities – Organization
Chairman's Award

RECIPIENT:

Sundome Center for the Performing Arts and Blockbuster Desert Sky
Pavilion
Litchfield Elementary School District
Dysart High School - Excel 21-Education for the 21st Century
Estrella Mountain Community College Center – Genesis West: A Program
For New Beginnings
City of Glendale – Downtown Glendale
Phoenix International Raceway
The Honorable John Nelson, Phoenix City Council Member
Peoria's Midwest / Out West Fest
Challenger Learning Center Arts



1995 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Arts
Education
Growth
Recreation
Service to Communities – Healthcare
Hospital Service to Communities – Non-Profit
Service to Communities – Government
Business
Chairman’s Award

RECIPIENT:

Desert Caballeros Museum
City of Surprise Literacy Program
Walle Label Factory
Wildlife World Zoo
Boswell Memorial
Maryvale U.N.I.T.E.
Grandma’s House
Pioneer Ford
John F. Long Foundation

1994 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Economic Development

Education
Education – Program
Recreation
Service to Communities - Individual
Service to Communities - Program
Special Events/Promotion
Chairman’s Award

RECIPIENT:

Cities of Glendale, Peoria, and Westcor Partners – Public/Private
Partnership For Economic Growth
Jeanne Crawford, ASU Continuing Education Program
Estrella Mountain Community College Center
Lake Pleasant Recreation Area
Michael L. Strope, Peoria Chief of Police
Glendale Recreation After School Program
City of Peoria – Inaugural Spring Training Season
Stephen Cleveland – City of Goodyear, and
James Devine – Glendale Economic Development for creating the WMEZ

1993 AWARD WINNERS

CATEGORY:

Arts
Arts - Humanity
Education
Education - Humanity
Growth
Growth - Humanity
Recreation
Recreation - Humanity
Transportation
Transportation - Humanity

RECIPIENT:

West Valley Fine Arts Council
Glendale’s Art in Public Places
Glendale Union High School District – Education Reform
Cartwright School District Head Start Program
Peoria Sports Complex
Westside Food Bank
Thunderbird Paseo Park
City of Surprise Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention
Town of Wickenburg – Capitol Improvement Plan for Transportation
American Red Cross Special Transportation Services Program

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