

About the Twin Cities International Citizen Awards

The Twin Cities International Citizens Awards honor individuals and corporations, whose work has contributed significantly to international understanding, cooperation, friendship and development. The Awards were first given in 1992, hosted by the Mayor of Minneapolis. In 1996, the Mayor of St. Paul joined and in 1997 the Commissioners of Hennepin and Ramsey Counties also became hosts. Today, the International Leadership Institute is hosting this annual international recognition event.

The Awards recognize the depth and breadth of the Twin Cities' international connections, concerns and commitments - in business and trade, research and human rights, agriculture and technology, the arts and medicine, education and journalism, and recognize immigrant achievement and humanitarian relief.

More than an event

Although the Awards are presented at an annual gala event, they are more than a one-day celebration. The Awards:

- Serve as a catalyst for communicating among Twin Cities' international organizations and businesses.
- Provide an opportunity to showcase the international involvement of the Twin Cities area.
- Inspire Twin Citians to enter into international opportunities available in our community.
- Sustains the work of the International Leadership Institute, a 501 c (3) organization, which provides civic education programs and technical assistance to build bridges toward sustainable outcomes for people, businesses and government.

Past TCICA Recipients

Dr. Arnold Anderson, Cecilia Goetz, Cynthia Lee Myntti, Dick Bancroft, Marianne Hamilton, Kaiser Paprocki, Gladys Brooks, Reginald Haslet-Marroquin, Stanley & Martha Platt, Curtis L. (Curt) Carlson, Thomas E. Holloran, Mark Ritchie, Joe Carter, Douglas P. Irish, Michael Roan, Pamela Costain, Douglas Johnson, William Rogers Arlen Erdahl, Sue Jones, Peter Rosenberg, Barbara Forster, Father John Kaiser, Vernon W. Ruttan, Arvonne S. Fraser Edward L. Kaplan, M.D., Steven Sherlock, Barbara Frey, Joe Kiser, M.D., Gertrude Swanson, Paul Gam Jolie Bleeker Klapmeier, Nancy Treshsel, Abigail Garner, Barbara Knudson, Joan & Segundo Velasquez, Henry & Dorothea Garwich, Leo Lara, Patricia Walker, M.D., Neal L. Gault, M.D., Josef Mestenhauser, Ph.D., David Weissbrodt, Nasseh Ghaffari, Joel Munge, Margaret Wong, Jawad Towns, Carol Engbretson Byrne, Robin Phillips Rev. Dr. Arthur A. Rouner, Jr., Esperanza Guerrero-Anderson, Karen M. Houle, George and Sally Pillsbury, Jacqueline Regis, Medtronic, Inc., Land O' Lakes, Inc., 3M Corporation, Northwest Airlines, Welsh Companies, Ward Brehm, A. Ghafar Lakanwal and Laila Lakanwal; Gary L. Gandrud, Attorney, Faegre & Benson LLP; Hong Yang, Ph.D., Director, University of Minnesota China Center; GE Commercial Finance Fleet Services, Eden Prairie Minnesota; Vice President Walter Mondale and Joan Mondale; Fred Shaw (Feng Hsiao); Carlson Companies; Herbert Igbanugo, Attorney, Igbanugo Partners Int'l Law Firm; Stephanie Odegard, Odegard Inc.; Nath Companies; John Stout, Attorney; Kojo Benjamin and Theresa Taylor; Public Radio International (PRI); Hyon Kim; Dean J. Brian Atwood; Best Buy; Marilyn Carlson Nelson; M. Nazie Eftekhari; Pentair, Inc.; Dan Buettner; Lawford Baxter; Caribou Companies; Dr. Reatha Clark King; Dr. Siyad Abdullahi and Khadija Ali; Allina Health; Kjell Bergh; Bruce Corrie; Sharkey Hearing Technologies.

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