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AGENDA

- 5:00 pm Silent Auction, Cocktails & Networking
- 7:00 pm Guest Seating - Program Begins
- 7:05 pm Invocation
- 7:15 pm Dinner Served
- 7:45 pm Awards Presentation - Master of Ceremonies, Rick Crandall
- 8:00 pm Silent Auction Closes
- 9:00 pm Dancing and Celebration
- 9:00 pm Silent Auction Available for Pick Up
(Items will not be available before this time)



CONGRATULATIONS 2023 RECIPIENTS

Ken Melcher Ambassador of the Year
Chartashia Miller, TT Coaching With Results

Humanitarian of the Year
Marlo Alston, Ready to Work Aurora

Chamber Leadership
Sharlene Fairbanks-Kyte

Community Leadership
State Representative Rhonda Fields

Small Business of the Year
Legends of Aurora Sports Grill

Business Person of the Year
Danny Moore, DeNOVO Solutions

Business of the Year
Visit Aurora

Woman of the Year
Aurora City Councilwoman Françoise Bergan

Man of the Year
Aurora City Manager Jason Batchelor

Arts + Business Connection Award
The Aurora Highlands



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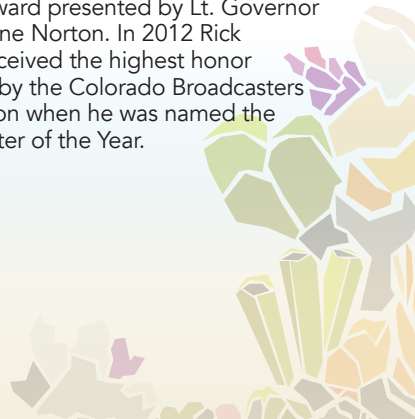
Rick Crandall

Colorado Freedom Memorial Founder and Executive Director

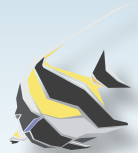
Rick Crandall has been a 30-year staple of the Denver-Aurora broadcast community through his former role as Program Director and very popular morning host at KEZW-AM 1430. During his unprecedented run on AM 1430 Rick received a number of awards. In 2003 he and his station were honored with the Aurora Chamber Business for the Arts award for their long-time support of community arts programs. He's also been honored by the United Veteran's Committee of Colorado, the American Legion, the



Veterans of Foreign Wars and Regis University. Regis bestowed on him their prestigious Civis Principis Award for his work with seniors and military veterans. He received the 2006 Spirit of Colorado Voice of Volunteerism Award presented by Lt. Governor Jane Norton. In 2012 Rick received the highest honor awarded by the Colorado Broadcasters Association when he was named the Broadcaster of the Year.



PAST RECIPIENTS



The Ken Melcher Ambassador of the Year

2002 Ken Melcher	2013 Ken Melcher
2003 Cheryl Braunschweiger	2014 Rick Hatfield
2004 Ann Mangelsen	2015 Cheryl Rotkovich
2005 Steve Morin	2016 Gina Kaelin-Wescott
2006 Cheryl Derman	2017 Michael Long
2007 Ken Preuss	2018 Brian Sowl
2008 Scott Mueller	2019 Benjamin Martin
2009 Brian Molitoris	Oma Mohamed
2010 Judy Booth	Farouk Mohammed
2011 Mark Werner	2021 Sanjay Tyagi
2012 Teri Karjala & Howie Metz	2022 Kristine Minty

Arts+Business Connection Award

1993 Aurora National Bank	2006 Suss Pontiac
FirstBank of Aurora	2007 FirstBank
Norwest Bank	2008 Shadow Theatre
1994 Aurora Sentinel	2009 Dwight Taylor
Community College of Aurora	2010 Jason Altshuler
1995 Mario Waller	2011 Charlie Packard
1996 Kaiser Permanente	2012 Ed Duggan
1997 Mary Schnese-Smith	2013 DAVA
1998 Amy Holyfield	2014 Fairmount Mortuary & Cemetery
1999 Aurora Credit Union Alliance	2015 Colin Spencer Productions
2000 Joan Balin	2016 Aurora Singers
2001 Mary Lou Hamaker	2017 Aurora History Museum
2002 KEZW	2018 Brian Molitoris
2003 Commerce Bank	2019 Town Center at Aurora
2004 Aurora Sentinel	2021 Milender White
2005 Art in Public Places	2022 Fitzsimons Credit Union

Humanitarian of the Year

1974 Tom & Margo Bond	2000 David McFann
1975 Patricia Kirk	2001 Terry Campbell
1976 Almond Brunkow	2002 Everton Sequeira
1977 Vern Coverdell	2003 Melissa Francis
1978 Steve Mowrer	2004 Steve Kimsey
1979 Olen Bell	2005 Danny Wilcox
1980 Mildred DeYoung	Nancy McCallin
1981 Mary Duty	2006 Carol O' Shea
1982 Edward L. Lord	2007 Robert Galinas
1983 Charles J. Krumenacker	2008 Bob Waples
1984 Ruth Whitmore	2009 Michael Mangino
1985 John P. Thomas	2010 Rich McLean
1986 Margaret Thomas	2011 Jim Seneca
1987 Walt Pleger	2012 Chief Mike Garcia
1988 Kate Tauer	David Patterson
1989 Mary Eagan	2013 Jan Gordon
Jerry Buckley	2014 Gene Roncone
1990 Richard Barnhill	2015 Peter Lee
1991 Dorothy Nakaoka	2016 James Gillespie
1992 Jim Kauffman	2017 Randy Stith
1993 Elroy J. Kelzenberg	2018 Denise Denton
1994 David Hartenbach	2019 Hassan Latif
1995 Judge Loretta Huffine	2021 Rodeo Dental
1996 Vince Schmitz	and Orthodontics
1997 Joe Bradley	2022 Hands of the Carpenter
1998 Anne Ayers	
1999 David Myers	



Chamber Leadership

1982 Clower F. "Chick" Ashley
1983 William J. Wiggins
 John L. Anna
1984 William Usher
 Nai-Kwang Chang
 Paul Dickinson
1985 Fred Swenson
1986 Gordon E. Schieman
 John T. Kennedy
 Perry Ford
1987 Stanley Whitaker
1988 William K. Atkinson, II
 Sherry Kantor
1989 Larry Carter
 Norman Sheldon
1990 Jim Wilson
1990 George Titus
 Karen Sowell
1991 Mark Schaefer
1992 Chuck Coble
1993 Norine Domenico
 Ray Barnes
 Gene Tomczak
1994 Dale Mingilton
1995 Tom Bowman
 Sara Suckling
1996 Teri Mingilton
 Steven Pfeifer



1997 Paul Suss
 Heidi Tackett
1998 Bob Barké
 Cindy Bohl
1999 Bob Steine
2000 Lynnette Woodbury
2001 Jeannie Davis
2002 Dave Frazier
2003 Jo Ellen Snell
2004 Bob Barké
2005 Celeste Delahanty
2006 Ken & Sandie Pruess
2007 Jim Suss
2008 Suzanne Pitruso
2009 Ron Miller
2010 Mark Isenburg
2011 Dennis Heap
2012 Councilman Ron Weidmann
2013 Lisa Buckley
2014 Dave Gruber
2015 Steve Sundberg
2016 Jason Altschuler
2017 Jennifer Evans
2018 Jim Bickford
2019 Chad Nielsen
2021 Rebecca Kelley
2022 Alan Antolak



Community Leadership

1989 Frank Mineo
1990 Pat Lord
1991
1992 Phil Herre
 Pam Wilson
1993 Steven Rider
 Tom Ashburn
 Kevin Hougen
1994 Elsie Lacy
1995 Sandy Sweeney
 Don Lindemann
1996 Steve Hogan
 Dick Anderson
1997 Doug Evans
 Larry Grandison
 Helen Littlejohn
1998 Tom Griswold
 Ben Lewis

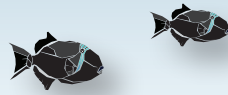


1999 Pat Landaker
 Chuck Truzinski
2000 Ana Maria Peters-Ruddick
2001 Stephan Peck
 Mark Moses
2002 Dale Mingilton
 Madolyn Paroske
 Teri Mingilton
2003 Ken Melcher
2004 Jack Lynch
2005 Rob Rudloff
2006 Dr. Jay Gershen
2007 Rotary Club of Aurora
2008 Tom Tobiassen
2009 Tim Huffman
2010 Barbara Shannon-Banister
2011 Jim Abendschand
2012 Chief Dan Oates
2013 Michelle Wolfe
2014 Jane McGrath
2015 Louis Salazar
2016 Guy Bellville
2017 Aurora Police Department
2018 South Metro Fire Rescue Authority
2019 Kynnie Martin
2021 Yvonne Valdez
2022 Dr. Mordecai Brownlee



Small Business of the Year

1993 Barbara Brown
1994 Stan Fossum
1995 Norma Nunez
1996 Stephen Brunston
1997 Hugh Sweeney
1998 Richard B. Doby
1999 Shelia Martin
2000 Stephan Peck
2001 Lois Tafoya
2002 Norm Teltow
2003 Rob Rudloff
2004 Cheryl Twesme
2005 Bob Jamieson
2006 Frances Scott
2007 Lee Cooperman



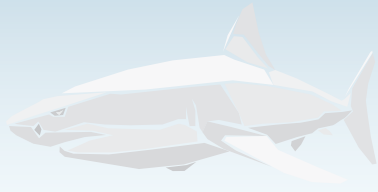
2008 Frank Loner
2009 Steve Sowin
2010 Gary Boesel
2011 Bill Smith
2012 Yvonne Costin
2013 David Barber
2014 Donna Thiel
Edgar and Reneé Leon
2015 Brenda Eisernhauer
2016 Kristi Kleinholtz
2017 Brian Arnold
2018 Mario Waller
2019 Bye Aerospace
2021 Dion's Pizza
2022 Launch Pad Brewery

Business Person of the Year

1969 Mel Moore
1970 George Friend
1971 Wendell Glass
1972 Harvey Kleiner
1973 Herb "Doc" Rider
1974 Bart Bartholomew
1975 Ben Wilburn
1976 Esther Zeeb
1977 Lois Martin
1978 Bob Solomon
1979 Helen Kahn
1980 Frank Mineo
1981 Victor G. Barker
1982 Lyall E. Engelstad
1983 Thomas A. Butler
1984 William J. Wiggins
1985 Bill L. Walters
1986 Vincent N. Schmitz
1987 Jim Lewien
1988 William E. Gabbard
1989 William K. Atkinson II
1990 Tom Jaques
1991 William Sanko
1992 Karen Sowell
1993 Carl Hicks
1994 Dennis Johnson
1995 Michael Peterson
1996 Paul Suss
1997 Sylvia Young
1998 Steve Rider

1999 Randy Hertel
2000 Dennis Brimhall
2001 Sandy Neves
2002 Joe & Janine Little
2003 Diane & Francisco Garcia
2004 Wendy Mitchell
2005 Mark Moses
2006 Kelly Leid
2007 Al Liu
2008 Aagje Barber
2008 John Barry
2009 Dumitri Palea
2010 Kevin DeLange
2011 Cindy Kreutz
2012 Rick Crandall
2013 Joyce Rocha
2014 Jeff Thompson
2015 Dick Hinson
2016 Barry Gore
2017 Mandy Young
2018 Dave Ruppel
2019 Bruce Dalton
2021 Chris Fasching
2022 Karen Lovett





Business/Program of the Year

- 2000 Lynn Gamber
Brad Mikel
- 2001 Raytheon
- 2002 Suss Pontiac
- 2003 Rural/Metro Ambulance
- 2004 Sam's Club
- 2005 Adolfson & Peterson Construction
- 2006 Advantage Security, LLC
- 2007 Pinnacol Assurance
- 2008 Southlands
- 2009 Outback Steakhouse
- 2010 YMCA of Aurora
- 2011 The GEO Group
- 2012 Advanced Circuits
- 2013 Beverage Distributors
- 2014 Citywide Banks
- 2015 Doubletree by Hilton—Aurora
- 2016 Stanley Market Place
- 2017 Mesa Moving and Storage
- 2018 Gaylord Rockies Resort
and Convention Center
- 2019 The Medical Center of Aurora
- 2021 Aurora-South Metro Small Business
Development Center
- 2022 Space Base Delta 2, Buckley Space Force

Woman of the Year

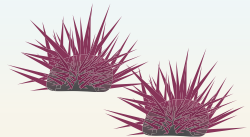
- 1966 Eleanor Foley
- 1967 Chy Harris
- 1968 Julie Garvin
- 1969 Helen Rose
- 1970 Jan Grace
- 1971 Glenda Hiatt
- 1972 Mary Brown
- 1973 Ruth Fountain
- 1974 Ellen Mracek
- 1975 Beverly Koch
- 1976 Beverly Scherling
- 1977 Mary Duty
- 1978 Annabelle Dunning
- 1979 Dorothy Grisinger
- 1980 Molly Link
- 1981 Alice Dudlich
- 1982 Linda W. Capra
- 1983 Anita Krumenacker
- 1984 Molly Link
- 1985 Donna A. Shear
- 1986 Molly Markert
- 1987 Barbara Shannon-Banister
- 1988 Peggy Kerns
- 1989 Robin Pilus
- 1990 Katherine Montgomery
- 1991 Debbie Lynch
- 1992 Alice Lee Main
- 1993 Patricia L. Kuskie
- 1994 Commissioner Polly Page
- 1995 Barbara Brown
- 1996 Councilmember Ingrid Lindemann
- 1997 Councilmember Edna Mosley
- 1998 Ruth Fountain
- 1999 Councilmember Barb Cleland
- 2000 Councilmember Nadine Caldwell
- 2001 Linda Bowman
- 2002 Commissioner Lynn Myers
- 2003 Sheila Anthony
- 2004 Elen Belef
- 2005 Diane Simard
- 2006 Suzanne Williams
- 2007 Gayle Jetchick
- 2008 Cindy Kreutz
- 2009 Kate Tauer
- 2010 Representative Nancy Todd
- 2011 Mayor Cathy Noon
- 2012 Councilmember Marsha Berzins
- 2013 Judy Emery
- 2014 Commissioner Nancy Jackson
- 2015 Representative Su Ryden
- 2016 Nita Mosby Tyler
- 2017 Gayle Jetchick
- 2018 Theresa Bailey
- 2019 Mayor Stephanie Piko
- 2021 Beth Braaten
- 2022 Dr. Kelly Phillips-Henry



Man of the Year

1955 Forrest Ross
1956 Orville Schisler
1957 Dick Rackette
1958 Bert Howard
1959 Joe Moffitt
1960 Allen Bradley
1961 Paul Rouse
1962 J. Tracy Whitaker
1963 Joseph Harris
1964 J. Robert Allshouse
1965 R. Earle Chism
1966 O. James Murray
1967 Clarence Rutz
1968 Merle Webster
1969 Bert Rose
1970 Herb "Doc" Rider
1971 John Fuhr
1972 Les Armbruster
1973 Don Strait
1974 William Armbruster
1975 Roy Krieger
1976 Bob Emmons
1977 Jack Grisinger
1978 Harold B. Dunning
1979 Chick Ashley
1980 Bill Grace
1981 Thomas H. Pickens
1982 Norris S. Cowan
1983 Mayor Paul E. Tauer
1984 Mayor Dennis Champine
1985 Dwight C. Rider
1986 William A. Davis
1987 Robert Link
1988 James Suss, Sr.
1989 John Boyd

1990 Bill Maupin
1991 Bob Cardenas
1992 Larry Carter
1993 Randy Stith
1994 Judge Steve R. Ruddick
1995 Commissioner Tom Eggert
1996 Mayor Paul Tauer
1997 Bob Barrows
1998 Governor Bill Owens
1999 Doug Evans
1999 Jim Lewien
2000
2001 Pete Kirchhof
Ralph Christie
2002 Councilmember John Paroske
2003 Congressman Bob Beauprez
2004 Col. Allen Kirkman
2005 Jim Greenlee
2006 Dale Mingilton
2007 Representative Ed Perlmutter
2008 Mayor Ed Tauer
2009 Matt Cook
2010 Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld
2011 Dave Maxwell
2012 Mayor Steve Hogan
2013 Sherriff Grayson Robinson
2014 Skip Noe
2015 Chief Jerry Rhodes
2016 Tom Tobiassen
2017 Harry Bull
2018 Rico Munn
2019 Robert Olislagers
2021 Steve O'Dorisio
2022 U.S. Congressman Jason Crow





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- **Affordability and services** for the most vulnerable.
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RHONDA FIELDS

for ARAPAHOE COUNTY COMMISSIONER

I'm all in! Please join me. SenRhondaFields rhondafieldsforcolorado senatorfieldsd29

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- Farouk Mohammed** | Chamber Ambassador
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