

2022 Alumni Award Recipients

Each year, Arcadia University alumni are recognized for outstanding achievements and contributions in their profession, their community, their classes, and their alma mater. The Alumni Association presents its annual awards each year during Alumni Reunion Week.

Congratulations to our 2022 Recipients Alumni Awards

Alice Schlesinger '61

Golden Disc for Distinguished Achievement

Alice Schlesinger is most prominently known for her 16-year-service on the New York County Supreme Court in the First Judicial District of New York. Alice launched her prolific career with the Legal Aid Society, where she became known as a passionate defense attorney and social justice advocate.

Nathan J. Hayward '06, '09MBA

Golden Disc for Meritorious Service

Nathan J. Hayward embodies the care, fortitude, and pride to serve as a role model to all Arcadia graduates. Currently, Nathan is the Chair of the Arcadia Alumni Business Network (AABN). Committed to growing AABN, he looks for new ways to provide leadership and direction to the Arcadia alumni community.

Ashley Knueppel '12, '20M

Faculty and Staff Alumni Impact Award

As associate director for Arcadia's Division of Civic & Global Engagement, Ashley Kneuppel makes a meaningful impact on the student experience, supporting student development and leadership opportunities in innovative and engaging ways.

Alyssa Reynoso-Morris '12

Young Alumni Golden Disc for Distinguished Achievement

Alyssa Reynoso-Morris is a motivational speaker, accomplished children's author, and entrepreneur who has committed her life's work to cultivating community and solidarity to make the world a better place.

Lauren Trager '07, '11MS

Mary Louise Armstrong Wolf Award

Lauren Trager has served the Alumni Association as an active Advisory Council committee chair, committee member, mentor, and volunteer. Lauren brings a thoughtful energy to all she does for Arcadia and is always willing to raise her hand to take on a new role to serve her alma mater.

Reverend Victor J. Gimenez '93

Sankofa Award for Distinguished Achievement

Reverend Victor J. Gimenez has served the Philadelphia community through social service for more than 20 years. Known for his passion for social justice, he has become a mentor to many young men, empowering them to rise above adversity.

Dan J. Rivera '17

Harry G. Kuch Award for Young Alumni in Reunion

Dan J. Rivera is committed to both the student and alumni experience. Among his many leadership positions, he is currently Chair of the Hispanic/Latinx Alumni Association, leading with the intent to create a sense of community and fellowship for Hispanic/Latinx alumni.

Jessica Lauer Tilli '08MEd

Outstanding Achievement Award

Jessica Lauer Tilli is an educator and a math curriculum specialist for the Philadelphia School District. She writes curriculum, provides professional learning for teachers and leaders, and is leading the charge to prioritize early mathematics in her district. She is a fierce advocate for creating access for students in Philadelphia. Recently, she was recognized by the U.S. government with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Daijah Patton '22

Senior Golden Disc Award

Daijah Patton is intellectually fearless, respectful, creative, bold, and so much more. As an English major, with a minor in secondary education, she demonstrated her ability to be an effective communicator, teacher, learner, and leader both in and out of the classroom.

At Arcadia, she consistently modeled leadership to her peers and positively impacted student life at Arcadia as an Orientation Leader, Enrollment Management Assistant, Student Ambassador, Because Arcadia Blogger, Secretary of the Scarlet Steppers, President of the Writer's Bloc, and Social Action & Justice Education Mentor and Engagement Coordinator.

Past Award Recipients

Golden Disc Award for Distinguished Achievement

Awarded to an alumna/us having graduated more than a decade ago, in recognition of significant accomplishments and outstanding achievements in their profession or community that greatly enhance the prestige of Arcadia University.

Roberta Paulhamus
McKinney '29
Rebecca H. Shriver '33
Edith Schaeffer '36
Carolyn Welch Betts '37
Margaret Oldroyd Hyde '38
Virginia Hamilton Lawless '39
E. Jane Carlin '40
Shirley Isacowitz Leviton '41
Bernice Wenzel Jeffrey '42
L. Virginia VanDyke, M.D. '42
Muriel Lair Happich '44
Suzanne McLean Hilton '45
Betsey Smith Bates '46
Dorothy Germain Porter '46
Dorothy Ingling MacConkey
'47
Ruth Yearsley Williams '48
Annette Eskind '49
Jeanne B. Brockmann '50

Patricia Smith, MD '52
Janet Murray Albright '55
Virginia MacQueen Ford '56
Alma Alabilikian '58
Katharine Lanning Winters
'58
Sara E. Stambaugh, Ph.D '59
Kay WalkingStick '59, '11H
Carol Magdalene Elkins '60
Gilda Rorro Baldasari '62
Barbara Starks Favazza '62
Adeline Gordon Levine '62
Carol Rogoff Hallstrom '63
Diane Leenheer Zimmerman
'63
Brooke Maury Dojny '65
Beverly Booth '66
Julianne Mamana Boyd '66
Sharon Foyto Smith '67
Susan Ginsberg Berk '69

Lynn Kressel '70
Gertrude Coxe '71
Jane Rosenberg Porter '71
Susan C. Saxer '71
Anna Deavere Smith '71,
'93H
Arlene Weissman '71
Julie B. Houston '73
Susan Savage '74
James P. Capolupo '76M
Joseph P. Archie '77
M. Emily Perkins Capella '77
Walter Hellendall '77
Linda Stojak '78
Mary Beth Long Miele '78
Susan Jackson Tressider '84,
'90M
Adam Denish '89
Kristin Weissman '98

Senior Golden Disc Award

Presented to a graduating senior at Commencement in recognition of his/her leadership skills and engagement in the campus community. The senior who receives this high honor, in the opinion of his/her classmates, faculty, administration and the Awards and Honors Committee, exemplifies the highest standards of leadership in activities that enhance the quality of student life and promotes the present and future welfare of Arcadia University. Through his/her activities, he/she demonstrates a lasting commitment and dedication to Arcadia University and inspires the respect and admiration of his/her classmates.

Lisa Wasser-Berlin '78
Janice Cavoto '91, '93M
Kerry Ann Costello Leraris
'92, '94Med
Geraldine Swan '92, '99M
Lee Heisman '93
Lisa McClain Byrne '94
Steven Dilworth '95, '98M
Shannon Zellner Davis '96
Tracy Reed '97
Kauna Kalenga Greene '98
TJ Tweddle Trzaskawka '98

Patricia Brennan-Green '98
Remilekun Ojumu '99
Heather Lindsley '00
Jennifer Bach Jones '01
Katie Gorman Salvo '02
Eileen Butkovic Cook '03
Breann Donnelly '04, '19MBA
Mark Adler '05
Amber LaJeunesse
Silverberg '06
Dennis Balyeat Greene '07
Natalie Harris '08

Bryan Durfee '09
Stephen Neafsey '10
Daniel Phillips '11
Alisha Leu '12
Tanisha Waid '13
John Doherty '14
Danielle Maxson '16
Jessica Braun '17
Devon Miller '18
Camille Menns '19
Michael Costigan '20
Lashanna Bryant '21

Golden Disc Award for Meritorious Service

Awarded to an alumna/us having graduated more than a decade ago, in recognition of outstanding volunteer leadership service to Arcadia University through its Alumni Association and/or Board of Trustees. Such contributions exceed all expectations of a loyal Arcadia alumna/us. Recipients must also have a record of consistent participation in *The Fund for Arcadia* or other philanthropic designations at the University.

Laura Lind McKee '15
Ethlyn Selner Mack '18
Polly Menna Geldi '33
Eleanor Martin Germond '35
Ethel Roeger Schmuhl '35
Joan Bosquett Scott '35*
Dorothy Korell Shisler '35
Mary Louise Armstrong Wolf
'36
Elizabeth Eayre Brown '38
Maude Manogue Farran '38
Barbara Fleck Stitzinger '38
Frances H. Lewis '39**
Ethel Cunningham
McClintock '39
Edna Purvis Nelson '41
Dorothy Haupt Lampe '42
Kathryn Darby '44
Lois Hinlein Hirsch '45
Patricia S. Carnahan '47
Jean Stahl Noble '47
Nancy B. Crosson '48

Ann Schroter Bechtel '50
Virginia Fulmer Haist '51

Priscilla French Curry '52
Marjorie Darling '82***
Beverly Rappaport Goldberg
'53
Betsy Lundquist '54
Marilyn Sunners Cranin '54
Eleanor Murphy Workman
'54
Patricia Darling Kile '56
Rosemary Deniken Blankley
'57, '06H
Jean Stout Fletcher '57
Edith Hall Neal '57
Patricia Fletcher Lyford '58
Mary Lou Bratt Mees '59
Faye Senneca '59
Marianna Harder Peckmann
'60
Elizabeth Holton Weiss '60
Lyanne Lindo Wassermann
'61
Carol Hallstrom '63
Janet Preston Frisch '65

Babette Senker Krug '68,

'81M
Allison Rossett '68
Madeline Johnson Stein '68
Susan Smyth Shenker '69
Joycellen Young Auritt '71
Lois Haber '71, '16H
Susan Saxer '71
Ellen August-Templeton '78,
'85M
Nancy Harris Wright '78
Margaret Wright Steele '80
Audrey O. Reynolds '85
Laura Fisher Korman '89
Linda Vandegrift Gazzillo '90
Arthur (Ozzie) Berger '91
Karen Rossi Brager '91
Kerry Costello-Leraris '92,
'94M
William A. Meiers '93M, '96M
Joan Nadler Brantz '65
Susan Smyth Shenker '69
*Posthumously
**Special Award
***Honorary Alumna

Young Alumni Golden Disc Award for Distinguished Achievement

Awarded to an alumna/us having graduated within the last decade, in recognition of significant accomplishments and outstanding achievements in their profession or community that greatly enhances the prestige of Arcadia University.

Adam Denish '89
Jeff Abramowitz '90
Jeff Weidner '90
Lisa Chandler '91
Amy Meyers Eveleth '96
Jodee Fortner '97, '99M

Dr. Janel Boyce Rustay '99
Christopher Ubbins '01
Rebecca Goldstone '01
Jamie Bradford '09, '12DPT
Nathan Hayward '06, '09MBA
Sara Accardi '07

Heather Mazzanti McKiernan
'07M
Meghann Ryan '07M
Jessica Cuttic '13M
Francine Sabino Abel '11
Lindsey Gingrich Mauldin '17M

Sankofa Award for Distinguished Achievement

Awarded by the Black Alumni Association of Arcadia University

Presented to an alumnus/a of African-American/African diaspora descent who exemplifies the spirit of Sankofa. This award will be presented to a deserving graduate in recognition of their significant professional accomplishments, as well the contributions they have made in mentoring and social justice activism in the African American/African diaspora community, which greatly enhance the prestige of Arcadia University.

Candace L. Griffin '13M
Octavius LaVon Blount '15

Zyhkeya Waller-Young '99
Aliyah Abraham '17

Faculty and Staff Alumni Impact Award

Awarded to an Arcadia University or Beaver College graduate who is a current, retired, or emeritus member of the Arcadia faculty or staff, in recognition of their contributions to student success and their demonstration of the University's lived values. Recipients have made a significant and lasting impact on the Arcadia community that has nurtured future alumni leaders, advanced the University's mission, and greatly enhanced the prestige of the University.

Michele Reale '96, '99M, '16M
Brian Eckenrode '97, '99M

Mary Louise Armstrong Wolf Award

Awarded to an alumna/us having graduated more than five years ago, in memory of Mary Louise Armstrong Wolf '36, who dedicated herself to both her University and her community. It is presented to an alumna/us in recognition of outstanding volunteer service to Arcadia University through Alumni Association committee work and/or work as a Class Officer. Recipients must also have a record of consistent participation in The Fund for Arcadia or other philanthropic designations at the University.

Elizabeth Dunlap Broshart '34
Helen Geller Deich '34
Lillian S. Rankin '34
Wilma Haack Fowler '35
Alberta Gladeck '37
Ruth Clara Grant '37
Reba Eighmey '38
Eleanor McGlaughlin '38
Ethel Moore Tripple '40
Dorothy Patten Zaiser '40
Jessie Severe Robson '40
Marian Garrison '40
W. Anita Schwitters Schroeder '41
Jean Stewart Clutsam '42
Jane Stahl Noble '47
Babette Cranston '48
Jane Skinner Haines '48
Marian Wolfinger Burdick '49
Bette Heavener Hottenstein '49
Margaret Srinkle Yearsley '49
Barbara Hinchcliffe Russell '50
Anna Laura Neidert Thompson '50
Shirley Musson Brower '51
Betty Tomlinson Lebegern '51

Patricia Rittenhouse '51
Lillian Howarth Pagano '52
Joan Bachman '53
Joanne C. Romano '54
Peg Johnson Sutor '54
Carol W. Young '54
Elsa-Lu Greenblatt Berkowitz '55
Joan Peppelman Clougherty '55
Martha-Lee Taggart Sunderman '55
Harriet Swoyer Horner Baisch '56
Ruth Denker Campopiano '56
Patricia Darling Kile '56
Nora Hegedus Sztaray '56
Rosemary Deniken Blankley '57, '06H
Emma Jane Murphy Burns '57

Eleanore Perrine Cox '57
Jean Stout Fletcher '57
Shirley Renninger Cressman '58
Joan Ottaway Gurniak '58
Shirley Kern Streeter '58
Loli Jaeger Lindstrom '59

Lillie Ludman '59
Mary Lou Pickell Nelson '59
Faye Senneca '59
Nory Berman Block '60
Barbara (Bobbie) Steffa Clayton '60
Marianna Harder Peckman '60
Elizabeth Holton Weiss '60
Suzanne Decker Fenimore '61
Eva Oehrle Fronk '61
Ann Simonin Grebe '61
Lynn Kronenberg Berman '62
Wilma Maxwell Gray '62
Joyce Barr '63
Merle Arbogast Chorba '63
Barbara Weathers Johns '64
Margaret A. Lees '64
Linda Mann '64
Susan Patt Mountz '64
Judy Vasile '64
Pelley Sablove Brown '65
Doreen Booth Faulkner '55
Carol Manikin '65
Carol Toner Shane '65
Tina Talarico Brick '67
Elisabeth Mackerell Ruch '67
Thora T. Easton '68

Babette Senker Krug '68,
'81M
Anne Pilert '68
Madeline Johnson Stein '68
Heather Fleming Tucker '68
Susan Rodgers Fleming '69
Susan Smyth Shenker '69
Sandra McCall '70

Madelyn Waxman Lesure '71
Elsa Larsen Vernon '71
Pamela Martin-Molina '73
Monique Miller '73
Marie Duke Murphy '73
Janet St. Amand '75
Karen Schwartz Scheiner '76
Rachel Bogatin '77
Mary Beth Hadley '77
Maryalice Mazzara, Ed.D. '77

Ellen August Booth '78, '85M
Cheryl Wilks Scherbner '78
Andrew Burdan '81
Marilyn Rose '83
Brigid Gallagher '84 '86 M
Paul Van Thuyne '84 MSPT
Paul Schleich '85
Eunice Wick '86
Jenny Connolly '87
Kathleen Griffin Hilty '87
David Forbes '88
Robert Jacobs '88
Kimberly Sterner '88
Alice Jacobs '89
Laura Fisher Korman '89
Lisa Pergolizzi-Brock '90
Linda Vandegrift '90
Karen Rossi '91
Arthur (Ozzie) Berger '91

Donna Segner Levan '93,
'95M, '03DPT
William Meiers '93M, '96M
Joseph Rodriguez '94
Chritine Thomas Hewitt '95
Arlene DeLeon '97, '05 M
TaraJean Tweddle
Trzaskawka '98
Donelle Brotz '01, '05M
David Paone '04, '09MEd
Meghan Makar '07
Maya Basu Johnson '97
Margaret Lyons '12

Class Officer Award

Awarded to class officers during years in which their class celebrates a milestone reunion (every five years) in recognition of consistent dedication and service to Arcadia University on behalf of their class. Recipients are nominated by their classmates in appreciation of their thoughtful and creative efforts to both bring their classmates together and encourage continuous loyalty to their alma mater. Recipients must also have a record of consistent participation in The Fund for Arcadia or other philanthropic designations at the University, and cannot have previously received the Mary Louise Armstrong Wolf or Golden Disc Awards.

Wilma Haack Fowler '35
Alberta Gladeck '37
Ruth Grant '37
Eugenia Rothwell Gray '38
Eleanor Teague McGlaughlin
'38
Marjorie Groves Schweitzer
'38
Marion Garrison '40
Virginia McGinnes Mullinix
'40
Jessie Severe Robson '40
Ruth Hill Thomson '40
Helen Campbell Ames '41
Edna Nelson '41
Harriet Wendell '41
Marjorie Aldrich Bowers '42
Mary Berlin Benjamin '43
Virginia Henson Mechling '43
Marjorie Williams Purcell '43
Elizabeth Hartey Magagna
'44
Babette L. Cranston '48
Carol Ranger '48

Betty Hottenstein '49
Margaret Yearsley '49
Barbara Bronson Danziger
'50
Jeanne Bertolet Steinruck '50
Anna Laura Neidert
Thompson '50
Jane Hellyer Vasile '50
Virginia (Ginny) Haist '51
Lucille LaMorgesse Downs
'52
Barbara Jones Earle '52
Nancy Parke '52
Joan Heil Prall '52
Megan Helffrich Steinmetz
'53
Rosemary
Steunenber-Laporte '53
Sally Felton Butterworth '54
Ruth Weber High '54
Loretta Parker Liljestrand '54
Paula Berrino Livingston '54
Nancy Banks Mills '54
Margaret Johnson Sutor '54

Joan Christopher Aliotta '55
Elsa-Lu Greenblatt Berkowitz
'55
Joan Peppleman Clougherty
'55
Leah Kresge '55
Ann Cornell Swalm '55
Harriet Baisch '56
Elinor Towell Chevalier '56
Montana Kresge Pratt '56
Emma Jane Burns '57
Shirley Radcliff Momiya
'57
Edith Hall Neal '57
Freda Friz Schopfer '57
Clementine Klein Brodsky '58
Barbara Jones Sibley '58
Jane Lewis Grove '59
Lolita Jaeger Lindstrom '59
Shirley Canning Scatcherd
'59
Doris Bock Worts '59
Ann Grebe '61

Suzanne Decker Fenimore '61
Eva Oehrle Fronk '61
Ann Simonin Grebe '61
Anne Willis Newman '61
Lynn Kronenberg Berman '62
Janet Copeland Zinman '62
Diane Actman '63
Gail Nazzaro Biggs '63
Merle Chorba '63
Barbara Weathers Johns '64
Elizabeth Weathers Kaspar '64
Bonnie McDowell Lasky '54
Margaret Lees '64
Linda Mann '64
Judy McCarthy Gielow '65
Carol Ibbotson Manikin '65
Carol Toner Shane '65
Gail Agerton '67
Charlotte A. Ehlig '68
Linda J. Marple '68
Barbara Kelly Breeden '69
Helen Bosley '69

Christina Hill Connell '69
Emily Solomon Farrell '69
Cheryl Hopkins Damico '70
Arlene Johnston '72
Agnes Slevin Mauro '73
Mary Pacioni Alderfer '73
Pamela Bilyieu Coombs '77
Vernita Parris '78
Fay Fastige Ferguson '79
Patricia Mayr Moore '79
Georgia Crozier '80
Merri Bender Brown '81
David Eatough '84
Bonnie Goldblum Fiorentino '87
Jennifer Cook Raposelli '87
Kevin G. Shollenberger '88
Jill Buchbinder '90
Linda Helbig Coceano '93
Frank Daiutolo '93
Karen Woodeschick Orkin '96
Jonathan Greskiewicz '99
Tricia Kershner Luddecke '00

Amanda Schorle '01
Corinne Royer Greskiewicz '02
Megan Corcoran '06
Amber LaJeunesse Silverberg '06
Kevin Hughes '07
Anthony Champi '09
Barry Hendler '09
Robert Migliaccio '13
Molly Fretz Stevens '60
April Klarman Apfelbaum '70
Patricia Pisklak Lucas '75
Linda Collier Strickland '75
Nancy McSherry-Collins '80
Andrew Leschak '85
Kathleen O'Connor O'Brien '00
Grace Wainwright Taylor '10, '18M
Linda Vandegrift '90, '07MED

Harry G. Kuch Award

Awarded to an individual who has graduated within the last decade and is currently in reunion year. This award recognizes significant accomplishments, dedication, and outstanding achievements in their profession or community while simultaneously supporting their class reunion efforts. Recipients are nominated by their classmates in appreciation for their leadership and commitment to lifting up the young alumni profile of the university while instituting meaningful programs, events, and philanthropic opportunities.

Gianna Lozzi Wolf '16

Outstanding Achievement Award

Awarded to a class cabinet member in reunion year. This award recognizes this individual's leadership, dedication, and service to Arcadia University on behalf of their class. Recipients are nominated by their classmates in appreciation of their ability to galvanize their class, implement strategic programming to engage the class, and spearhead meaningful philanthropic opportunities in support of and on behalf of the University and current students.

Susan C. Saxer '71