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**AZPHA ANNUAL
MEMBER MEETING**

**Wednesday
November 10, 2021**

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Zoom

Information was provided
upon registration

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2021 ANNUAL



**PUBLIC HEALTH
AWARDS**

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 5:00pm - 8:30pm

University Club of Phoenix (Outdoors)
39 E Monte Vista Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85004



Each year, the Arizona Public Health Association awards event recognizes people across Arizona who are performing extraordinary work to improve public health in Arizona.

Thank you for joining us as we recognize Arizonans that stood up for truth, evidence, and good public policy during the pandemic.

A Tribute to Pete Wertheim

November 10, 1970 - May 24, 2020



Arizona, AZPHA, and so many of us lost a good friend and mentor. Pete Wertheim passed away in May, 2020 after courageously facing brain cancer. We will all miss Pete, his smile, sense of humor, his easy way, and his dedication to good solid public policy.

Pete was a long-time sustaining member of AZPHA, served on the Board of Directors and as Board President in 2011. Pete worked really hard to improve AZPHA's business and other processes - working closely with AZPHA Executive Director Jennifer Bonnet to build us into the organization that we are today.

Many of you worked with Pete professionally and personally... and you know that Pete was just so authentic and just such an all around good guy. He was committed to good public policy and transparency and was always on the lookout to set policy that would work effectively in the long run. He called things out when he saw things that were sneaky, inefficient, or just plain wacky. He knew and taught us that the devil was in the details.

I got to know Pete really well when he was the Chief Legislative Liaison for the ADHS during the time when Susan Gerard was the Director. Pete was just so good at tracking all the bills and always keeping us informed. He taught us to dive into the details of bills to figure out what effect they might have on the people.

Pete and Susan worked hard to get the financing needed to build a new Forensic Unit at the Arizona State Hospital. His work paid off in 2008 when the agency was able to get funding for the new facility just before the recession. The former ASH Wick Units were many decades old (built in the early 60s) and were just inconsistent with providing a safe and therapeutic environment.

It was challenging getting 10's of millions of dollars from the legislature for a new forensic unit, but Pete didn't give up - he just worked so hard to get that important facility funded. What did it was the way he could connect with legislators that made it happen.

Barb Fanning, a good friend of Pete and co-worker during his time at the ADHS put it this way...

"Pete was one of the most genuine people I have ever known. He loved his work and had an unrivaled work ethic. He also brought a refreshing sincerity to all of his relationships, both personal and professional - everyone who knew Pete adored him. The healthcare industry in Arizona is better because of him, but the people who work in it are missing a great advocate and a dear friend."

Most recently, Pete served for several years as the Executive Director for the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association. Before that, he worked for a year as the Communication and Public Affairs chief for the City of Prescott. He started that job practically the same week as the devastating Yarnell fire.

His career also included working as the VP for Communications and the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association. His early career was as a Legislative Research Analyst and Policy Advisor for the Arizona House of Representatives. That's where he really refined his policy chops.

But most of all... Pete was just a really good person. Always there with an easy smile and an interesting story. A good friend. We'll all miss him.



In Memoriam, a New Award in 2021 has been created

Pete Wertheim Public Health Leadership Award



Harold B. Woodward Award

The Harold B. Woodward Award is given for work done for the advancement or betterment of the Arizona Public Health Association. Hard work, dedication, or any other contribution to the Association will be the guideline for selection.

Nominees

William Humble
Megan McElhinny, MD



Will Humble
Executive Director,
AZPHA



Policy Maker of the Year Award

This award is given annually to an individual or organization that works to create policy that improves public health in Arizona. The recipient is selected by the AZPHA Public Policy Committee and this award category is not open for public nominations.

Nominees

Dr. Chad Gestson, Phoenix Union High School District Superintendent



Dr. Chad Gestson
Phoenix Union High School District
Superintendent



Honoree Award - Exemplary Service for Individual Impact

The Exemplary Service for Individual Impact Award recognizes unique and courageous members of the public who initiate powerful public health grass-roots advocacy.



Kristin Urquiza
Marked by COVID



Health Education Awards

The Health Education Award recognizes the creation of outstanding health education or patient education materials. Any health education or patient education material produced in Arizona by an Arizona resident(s) within the last year is eligible. Award categories are Governmental and Non-Governmental.

Nominees

Maricopa County Department of Public Health

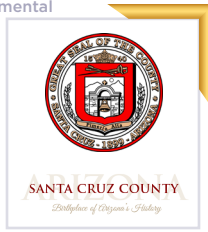
The Arizona Partnership for Immunization
Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association
Jeff Terrell / Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency

First Things First

Native American Connections / Strong Teeth Strong Kid Campaign

Ms. Laura Montini and Ms. So Hee Shelly Kim

Governmental



Jeff Terrell / Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency

Non-Governmental

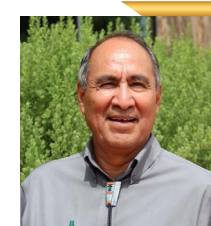


Native American Connections



Senator Andy Nichols Award

The Senator Andy Nichols Award honors those who have made outstanding contributions to public health throughout their career. The award is primarily for contributions to public health in Arizona, but may be granted to any resident or former resident of Arizona who has made a significant contribution to public health elsewhere.



Michael T. Allison
ADHS, Tribe Work



Debbie McCune Davis
Immunizations, TAPI

Nominees

Steve Barclay, JD
Michael T. Allison

Robert Guerrero
Debbie McCune Davis



Pete Wertheim Public Health Leadership Award

The Pete Wertheim Public Health Leadership Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates exemplary leadership and goes above expectations to address public health needs or challenges, and exemplifies innovative approaches to improving public health in Arizona.



Michael D. White, MD
Valleywise Health



Marjorie Bessel, MD
Banner Health

Nominees

Jeri Royce
Vince Torres
Jim McPherson, MD
Michael White, MD
Marjorie Bessel, MD
Will Humble

Lilliana (Lily) Cardenas
Arizona Public Health Association
Dr. Sara Salek
Adela Grando, PhD
Jessica Rigler



Cele Cohen Nursing Award

The Cele Cohen Nursing Award recognizes a public health or community health nurse who has made an outstanding contribution to public health in Arizona. All Arizona licensed registered nurses are eligible for this award.



Melissa Lunt, RN
The Arizona County Directors of Nursing Association

Nominees

Karen Garcia, RN BSN
Crystal Rambaud, RN
Mary Ellen Cunningham, RN
Melissa Lunt, RN / The Arizona County Directors of Nursing Association



Elsie Eyer Commitment to Underserved People Award

The Elsie Eyer Commitment to Underserved People Award recognizes an individual or organization that has demonstrated a sustained effort in assuring the delivery of health services to underserved populations in Arizona.

Nominees

- Allie Young
- Barbara Harding
- Maria Valenzuela
- Datcha Dorvil, DO, MPH, DIMPH
- Diana Gomez and the Yuma County Public Health Services District (YCPHSD)
- Mohave County Collaboration: First Things First, AHCCCS, Care1st, Health Choice, Greater Phoenix Urban League, North Country HealthCare, The Arizona Partnership for Immunization
- Pearl Mao Tang, MD
- University of Arizona Mobile Unit
- Reginald Williams
- Stacey Champion



Pearl Mao Tang, MD
Maricopa County
(January 11, 1922 - June 11, 2021)



Corporate Public Health Service Award

This award is presented to a company or organization that makes a significant contribution and/or innovation to public health in Arizona. Eligible recipients are health or non-health related nonprofits or for-profit companies or organizations.



Biodesign Institute of ASU
Arizona State University



Albertson's / Safeway

Nominees

- Albertson's / Safeway
- Banner Health
- Arizona County Directors of Nursing Association
- Marked by COVID
- Biodesign Institute of ASU
- Luke Smith / Central Logic

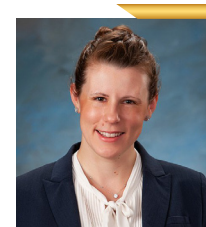


Lloyd E. Burton Scholarship

The Lloyd E. Burton Scholarship is given to a student enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate public health program at an Arizona university or college. The awardee receives a one-time award of \$500.

Nominees

- Brenda Sanchez
- Corey Hemstreet
- Anna Giudici
- Megan McElhinny, MD
- Sana Khan



Megan McElhinny, MD



Public Health Research Award

The Public Health Research Award recognizes an individual or team whose research contributes to the advancement of public health science and/or practice in Arizona.

Nominees

- Maricopa County Department of Public Health - Community Health Needs Assessment Team
- Dr. Joe K. Gerald, MD, PhD
- Center for Health Equity Research at Northern Arizona University
- Dr. Frank Lovecchio, Valleywise Health



Dr. Joe K. Gerald, MD, PhD
University of Arizona