



WORLD WATERPARK ASSOCIATION

BOARD AWARD RECIPIENTS AND HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

BOARD AWARDS

AL TURNER MEMORIAL COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AWARD:

Awarded to individuals, parks or organizations that have through their consistent business and professional excellence provided leadership and/or fostered a sense of community in the World Waterpark Association membership.

- 2024:** Lou Cirigliano, Jr., Casino Pier and Breakwater Beach
Dollywood's Splash Country, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, U.S.A.
Brian C. Szydloski, OKANA Resort & Indoor Waterpark
- 2023:** Johnny Blevins, Splash Kingdom Waterparks Inc.
Ken Handler, Global Management Amusement Professionals
Sasha Mateer, Deep River Waterpark - Lake County Parks and Recreation
- 2022:** Ron Hood, Disney's Water Parks
Charlie Luecker, Lincoln Aquatics
Joe Stefanyak, Ellis & Associates
- 2021:** Tina Hatcher, 3i Advertising
- 2020:** George Deines, Counsilman-Hunsaker
- 2019:** John Gannon, Zoombezi Bay at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium
Stephanie Hee-Johnston, NRH₂O Family Water Park
Mark Moore, Gulf Islands Waterpark
- 2018:** Carvin DiGiovanni, The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals
Steve Rodgers, Golfand SunSplash
Lake White, Starfish Aquatics Institute
- 2017:** Jim Basala, Deep River Waterpark
Joann Cortéz, Hyland Hills Park and Recreation District
Gary Slade, Amusement Today, Inc.
- 2016:** Scott Deisley, Safety Skills Training
Mark C. Hatchel, Kimley-Horn & Associates
Frank Perez, NRH₂O Family Water Park
- 2015:** Glenn Davidson, Farah Leisure Parks Management LLC
Chris Landgrave, Deep River Waterpark
Rachmat Sutiono, P.T. Funworld
- 2014:** The Kells Family, Water Wizz of Cape Cod, Inc.
Dato' Richard CK Koh, Only World Group
Dale McFarland, Veracity Hospitality, LLC.



- 2013:** The Aragona Family, Zoom Flume Water Park
Santokh Singh Chawla, POLO RAK AMUSEMENTS LLC
Kristie Moses, Sage Hospitality, CoCo Key Resort
- 2012:** Family Fun Corporation
Steve Miklosi, Breakers Water Park
Tomahawk Lake Waterpark
- 2011:** Sam Haynes, Blue Bayou Water Park
Danny & Janis Keim
- 2010:** Tom Bergman, MMOINC/Bergman Communications
Jill White, Starfish Aquatics Institute (SAI)
- 2009:** Tiffany Quilici, Roaring Springs Waterpark
The Rapids Waterpark, West Palm Beach, Florida
- 2008:** Richard A. Carroll, Ellis & Associates
Hyland Hills Water World, Federal Heights, Colorado
- 2007:** Bill Haralson, William Haralson & Associates
- 2006:** Jeff Ellis, Ellis & Associates
- 2005:** Bill Getz, Aquality Consulting (posthumously)
Kevin Smith, Chemtrol (posthumously)
Ken Ward, Water Technology, Inc. (posthumously)
- 2004:** Fred, Jim and Bob Kenney, Golfland Sunsplash
- 2003:** Roger Currie, Royson, Ltd.
- 2002:** Richard J. Coulter, Coulter and Associates
- 2001:** Al Turner, World Waterpark Association (posthumously)*
- 2000:** The Wisconsin Dells Area, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
- 1999:** Judith Leblein, Water Technology
- 1997:** Pat Cartwright, Emerald Pointe
- 1996:** Steve Loose, Hyland Hills Water World
- 1995:** City of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina
- 1994:** Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista, Florida
Balneario Ixtapan, Ixtapan De La Sal, Mexico
Aqua Park, Fortaleza, Brazil
- 1993:** Blue Bayou, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Rockford Park District/ Magic Waters, Rockford, Illinois
Bryant Morris, Bryant L. Morris Dev. Co.
- 1992:** Dick Samuels, Water Country and Weirs Beach Waterslide
Nelson Schwab III, Paramount Parks
Paul Nelson, Waldameer Park

**This award, previously known as the Commitment to Excellence Award, was renamed in 2001 in honor of Al Turner who passed away that year.*



EXECUTIVE BOARD AWARD:

Awarded to an individual or organization for special accomplishments in the water leisure industry that have contributed to industry knowledge and expertise for the benefit of the WWA membership.

- 2024:** Wolfgang Kiessling, Loro Parque
Paul Price, NOVA Parks-Great Waves Waterpark
Chase Singleton, Wilderness at the Smokies
- 2023:** Jim Kunau, Six Flags Entertainment
Dr. Stephen Sims, SomerSplash Waterpark
- 2022:** Evan Barnett, Pyek Group
Söhret Pakis, Polin Waterparks
- 2021:** Wet'n'Wild Hawaii for their Solar Panel Installation, Kapolei, Hawaii, U.S.A.
- 2020:** Kari (Tjader) Manev, Liftoptia, Inc.
- 2019:** Sandra Greiner, Sun Splash Family Waterpark/City of Cape Coral
Tropical Islands Resort
- 2018:** Eric Dombrowski, City of Palmdale Recreation & Culture Department-DryTown Water Park
Sandcastle Waterpark for their Inclusive Programming
- 2017:** Mike Friscia, Innovative Attraction Management, IAM StarGuard ELITE
Gaylee Gillim, Esq., Kentucky Kingdom, LLLP
Typhoon Texas, Typhoon Waterpark Management, LLC
Bruce Wigo, International Swimming Hall of Fame
- 2016:** Lou Cirigliano, Jr., Casino Pier and Breakwater Beach
Natalie Livingston, The Wave Waterpark
David J. Sangree, Hotel & Leisure Advisors
- 2015:** Jeb Boyd, Whale's Tale Water Park
Caribbean Bay Water Park at Everland Resort (Operated by Samsung C&T Corporation)
SomerSplash Waterpark for their Longest Day of Play Event
Nicole Van Winkle, Counsilman-Hunsaker
- 2014:** Franceen Gonzales, WhiteWater West Industries Ltd.
Billy Hamilton, Wet 'n Wild Orlando, Orlando
Kentucky Kingdom and Hurricane Bay
Schlitterbahn Galveston Island for Two Story Cabanas, Schlitterbahn Waterparks
Schlitterbahn Kansas City for Verrückt Waterslide and Media Campaign, Schlitterbahn Waterparks
- 2013:** Matt Boyd, Whale's Tale Waterpark
Sasha Mateer, Deep River Waterpark
Chris Swartz, NRH₂O Family Water Park
- 2012:** Johnny Blevins, Splash Kingdom Family Waterparks
Siam Park
SplashDown Beach Water Park
- 2011:** Roger Currie, Aqua Leisure International
Judith Leblein Josephs, Judith Leblein Josephs Enterprises LLC
Alan Mahony, MAHONYdmc



- 2010:** Dan Gundrum, eProfit Solutions

- 2009:** Rick Fuller, Hyland Hills Water World
Brian Freber, Water Technology
Mike Kaminski, Chula Vista Resort
Jim Dunn, Aquatic Development Group

- 2008:** Ron Sutula, Schlitterbahn Galveston Island
Norm Matzl, National Aquatic Safety Company

- 2007:** Lee Hovis, Adventure Landing

- 2006:** Sandcastle Waterworld, Blackpool, United Kingdom

- 2005:** Franceen Gonzales, Six Flags Hurricane Harbor

- 2004:** Wally James, Con-Serv Associates

- 2003:** Robin Doucette, The Rapids Waterpark

- 2001:** Land of Make Believe, Hope, New Jersey
Charleston County Parks, Charleston, South Carolina

- 2000:** Fibrart, S.A. De C.V., Mexico

- 1999:** Sun 'n Fun Family Recreation, Ponca City, Oklahoma

- 1998:** Mountain Creek, Vernon, New Jersey
Desa Waterpark, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
SuperSplash Adventure, Edinburg, Texas
Essel World, Mumbai, India

- 1997:** Splash Island, Manila, Philippines
Elitch Gardens, Denver, Colorado

- 1996:** Raging Waters, San Dimas, California
A'Famosa, Melaka, Malaysia

- 1995:** Waterbom Park, Bali, Indonesia

- 1994:** International Recreation Go-Kart Association (IRGA), San Antonio, Texas
SCS Company, Tillamook, Oregon
Systems & Programming Consultants (SPC), Charlotte, North Carolina
White Water Atlanta, Marietta, Georgia

- 1993:** Splish Splash, Long Island, New York
Valley of the Waves, Sun City, South Africa
Efrain Ruiz, President, Asociacion Latino Americana De Parques Acuaticos (ALAPA)
Forrec LTD., Toronto, Canada

- 1992:** Alain Baldacci, Baldacci Asociados
Lynn Alexander, City of Gaithersburg
Robert Goff, City of Cape Coral



KELLY OGLE MEMORIAL SAFETY AWARD:

Awarded to an individual or organization for significant contributions to guest and employee safety in the water attractions industry.

- 2024:** Dr. Adam Katchmarchi, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
John Roche, Crystal Springs Family Waterpark

- 2023:** Christine Palma, OC Waterpark

- 2022:** Wet 'N' Wild WaterWorld and the Drowning Prevention Coalition of El Paso
for their work on drowning prevention in their local community

- 2021:** Bob Bradley, Aquatic Consulting & Educational Services, LLC

- 2020:** Wess Long, StarGuard ELITE

- 2019:** Clay Barnes, Specialty Insurance Group, a Division of Everest Insurance®
Dana Gage, The LV Project

- 2018:** Eric "Chet" Jacobson, National Aquatic Safety Company, LLC
Judith Leblein Josephs, JLJ Enterprises LLC & Summit Community Programs
Justin Sempsrott, MD, FAAEM, Lifeguards Without Borders

- 2017:** The Council For The Model Aquatic Health Code
Vera Solis, Typhoon Texas

- 2016:** City of Henderson Public Works, Parks and Recreation Department: Aquatics Section
Life Floor for their slip-resistant, impact-absorbing tiles

- 2015:** Kevin Rowland, Whirlin' Waters
Andreas Tanzer, ProSlide Technology Inc.
Water Safety Products Inc. for the development of The BigEasy Mask

- 2014:** Rick and Robin Doucett, Wild Waters
Karol Komar, Tinley Park-Park District
Joe Stefanyak, Jeff Ellis & Associates, Inc.

- 2013:** Tony Hacker, Golfland Entertainment Centers
Mike Howard, Coney Island

- 2012:** George Deines, Surf and Swim
Rafaele Madorma, Academia Via Esporte, INATI
Schlitterbahn Waterparks & Colin's Hope for their partnership on water safety and
drowning prevention programs

- 2011:** Lulu Cisneros, Lulu Cisneros Educación Acuática
Pool Safely Campaign, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

- 2010:** Wet 'n Wild, GE Universal EHS Team, Orlando, Florida
Wild Wadi, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Nadina Riggsbee, National Drowning Prevention Alliance
Beth Root, World's Largest Swimming Lesson



- 2009:** Tom Werts, City of Kissimmee
Jenkinsons Breakwater Beach
ASTM F24.70 Aquatic Play Task Group
- 2008:** Pat Finnegan, Chula Vista Resort
Bruce Wigo, International Swimming Hall of Fame
- 2007:** Shelly Rucinski, Noah's Ark Waterpark
- 2006:** Debra Nall-Rodriguez & Jan Wilson, St. Clare Hospital
- 2005:** Ron Rhinehart, Ellis & Associates
- 2004:** Ellis & Associates VAT Program, Ocoee, Florida
- 2003:** Franceen Gonzales, Golfland Entertainment Centers
- 2002:** Steven W. Hix, IRGA
- 2001:** Noah's Ark Waterpark, Year Road Emergency Response Team, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
- 2000:** Dr. John Hunsucker, National Aquatic Safety Company
- 1999:** Dr. Michael Beach, Center for Disease Control
- 1998:** John Stephens, Walt Disney World
Bob Weiner, Weiner & Associates
- 1997:** John Fussner, American Specialty Insurance
R. Wayne Pierce, IALDA
- 1996:** Coulter Consulting Group, Delaware, Ohio
- 1995:** Dr. John Hunsucker, National Aquatic Safety Company
- 1994:** Ellis & Associates, Kingwood, Texas
American Red Cross, Washington, DC
NBGS International, New Braunfels, Texas
- 1993:** Wally James, Con-Serv Associates
Dr. Alison Osinski, Aquatic Consulting Services
- 1992:** Glynn Barclay & Associates, San Antonio, Texas



LEADING EDGE AWARD:

Awarded to individuals or parks for creativity in the development of new themes, facilities, programs, services or operational concepts in the water attractions industry; and to suppliers who have developed new concepts, products or services to the benefit of park members, their customers and the water attractions industry.

- 2024:** The City of Blue Springs, Missouri Parks and Recreation and Life Floor, Murphys Waves Ltd, NINJACROSS™ Systems, SFS Architecture, Inc., SplashTacular, and Water Technology, Inc. for their work on Blue Surf Bay Waterpark
- El Dorado Park and Aquatic Development Group, disform, Innovative Attraction Management, LLC., ProSlide Technology Inc and Van Stone Conveyor for their work on El Dorado Park
- Futuroscope Park and CREDO, Moment Factory, Murphys Waves Ltd, Polin Waterparks, Studio Concepts & Innovations and WhiteWater for their work on Aquascope Park
- Mt. Olympus Water & Theme Park Resort and Holtz Builders Inc., Ramaker & Associates and WhiteWater for their work on "The Rise of Icarus"
- Premier Parks-Rapids Water Park and Cogito Automation, ProSlide Technology Inc and WET Engineering for their work on "Mega Mayhem"
- Qetaifan Projects and Life Floor, Water Technology, Inc., and WhiteWater for their work on Meryal Waterpark
- Royal Caribbean International and FlowRider®, Life Floor, Martin Aquatic Design & Engineering, and wiegand.waterrides GmbH for their work on Icon of the Seas
- Wilderness Resort and Waterparks and Aquatic Development Group, Architectural Design Consultants, Inc., Moment Factory and WhiteWater for their work on the Wilderness at the Smokies Waterpark Resort expansion
- 2023:** Camp Barnabas and Counsilman-Hunsaker, Life Floor, SplashTacular, and Sunbelt Pools for their work on the new Camp Barnabas aquatic facility
- MSC Cruises and Amusement Logic, S.L., Life Floor and WhiteWater for their work on Pirates Cove Aquapark on MSC Seascape cruise ship
- Roaring Springs Waterpark and Aquatic Development Group, Connect&Go Inc., Ellis Aquatic Innovations, ProSlide Technology Inc, The Russell Corporation and 3i Advertising for their work on the Camp IdaH2O expansion at Roaring Springs Waterpark
- Studio City Water Park and Cogito Automation, Life Floor, Murphys Waves Ltd, Van Stone Conveyor, Water Technology, Inc. and WhiteWater for their work on Studio City's indoor waterpark
- Super Aqua Club and Vortex Aquatic Structures International Inc. for their work on "The Zephyr River"
- Thuy Tinh Waterpark and Polin Waterparks for their work on Thuy Tinh Waterpark
- Tower Investments, Inc. and Flowrider®, Life Floor, Martin Aquatic Design & Engineering, OpenAire, and WhiteWater for their work on ISLAND Waterpark at Showboat Resort
- Waldameer Park & Water World and Cogito Automation, ProSlide Technology Inc, USA, Inc., Van Stone Conveyor and WET Engineering, Inc. for their work on "Rocket Blast"



- 2022:** Baha Mar Resorts, Ltd. and DTJ Design, FlowRider®, Murphys Waves Ltd and ProSlide Technology Inc for their work on Baha Bay Waterpark
- Cullman Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism and Aquatic Development Group and ProSlide Technology Inc for their work on WildWater
- Karisma Resorts, Grupo Lomas and Paramount and Life Floor, Riverflow Pumps by Current Systems, Water Technology, Inc. and WhiteWater for their work on Aqua Nick
- Ocean Park Corporation and ProSlide Technology Inc, Van Stone Conveyor, Water Technology, Inc. and WhiteWater for their work on Water World Ocean Park
- VinWonders Nha Trang and Polin Waterparks for their work on Water World at VinWonders Nha Trang
- Wild Rivers Waterpark and Aquatic Development Group, CSM Waterworks and WhiteWater for their work on Wild Rivers Waterpark
- 2021:** Atlantis – Aquaventure and Murphys Waves Ltd, ProSlide Technology Inc, Riverflow Pumps By Current Systems and Water Technology, Inc. for their work on the Aquaventure Waterpark expansion
- The City of Garden City, Kansas and Confluence, Splashtacular and Water Technology, Inc. for their work on Garden Rapids at the Big Pool
- Europa-Park GmbH & Co Mack KG, Mack NeXT GmbH & Co KG, Mack Solutions, PGAV Destinations, ProSlide Technology Inc and Rulantica GmbH & Co Mack KG for their work on the Rulantica Waterpark outdoor expansion
- Polin Waterparks for their development of Utexture technology
- Six Flags Hurricane Harbor Chicago and Ramaker & Associates and WhiteWater for their work on “Tsunami Surge”
- Studio City Water Park and Water Technology, Inc. and WhiteWater for their work on Studio City Water Park
- Tolomato Community Development District-Nocatee and WET Engineering, Inc. and WhiteWater for their work on “Parallel Pursuit”
- Triple Five Group and American Wave Machines, ProSlide Technology Inc, Water Technology, Inc. / Neuman Group and Weber Group for their work on DreamWorks Water Park
- VinWonders Phu Quoc and Polin Waterparks for their work on Typhoon World at VinWonders Phu Quoc
- 2020:** Adventure Bay and China Creative Entertainment Co., Ltd and WhiteWater for “Turbo Shuttle”
- Europa Park / Rulantica GmbH & Co Mack KG and API WATER FUN GmbH, AQUARENA GmbH, aquila wasseraufbereitungstechnik gmbh, macknext/mack solutions, Murphys Waves Ltd, PGAV Destinations and ProSlide Technology Inc for their work on Rulantica
- Grupo Vidanta and Murphys Waves Ltd, Riverflow Pumps by Current Systems Inc., Water Technology, Inc. and WhiteWater for their work on Jungala Aqua Experience
- Park of Poland and Murphys Waves Ltd and Polin Waterparks for their work on Suntago Water World
- Pirates Bay Waterpark and NINJACROSS™ Systems and Progressive Commercial Aquatics, Inc. for “NINJACROSS™”



Royal Caribbean International and Martin Aquatic Design & Engineering and WhiteWater for the "Perfect Storm Slide Complex"

Wilderness Resorts and Waterparks and Architectural Design Consultants, Inc., Aquatic Development Group, ProSlide Technology Inc, Rain Drop Products LLC, USA, Inc. and Water Odyssey™ by Fountain People, Inc. for their work on Soaky Mountain Waterpark

2019: Coventry City Council, FaulknerBrowns Architects, Hadron Consulting Ltd, Murphys Waves Ltd, Neuman Aqua Ltd., Polin Waterparks, Vortex Aquatic Structures International Inc. and Water Technology, Inc. for their work on The Wave Coventry

EPR Properties, Aquatic Development Group, Architectural Design Consultants, Inc. and ProSlide Technology Inc for their work on The Kartrite Resort & Indoor Waterpark

Island H2O Live!, Aquatic Development Group, Innovative Attraction Management, LLC., USA, Inc. and WhiteWater for their work on Island H2O Live!

Royal Caribbean International, Martin Aquatic Design & Engineering and WhiteWater for their work on Thrill Waterpark

Splashway family Waterpark and ProSlide Technology Inc for "Dueling Splash Blasters"

2018: Aquaventure Waterpark, Atlantis Resort Sanya and Empex Watertoys, Murphys Waves Ltd, ProSlide Technology Inc, Rolba Loisir S/L and Van Stone Conveyor, Inc. for their work on Aquaventure Waterpark, Atlantis Resort Sanya

Chimelong Water Park and wiegand.maelzer for "SlideWheel"

The City of Grand Prairie, Texas and American Resort Management LLC, OpenAire, Ramaker & Associates and WhiteWater for their work on Epic Waters Indoor Waterpark

The City of Hobbs, New Mexico and Splashtacular and Water Technology, Inc. for their work on The CORE

Hersheypark and ProSlide Technology Inc and Water Technology, Inc. for "Breakers EdgeSM Water Coaster" and the "WhitecapSM Racer"

2017: Aquatic Development Group For The Development Of Twin Tides™ Dual Beach/Dual Entry Wave Pool

Morgan's Inspiration Island At Morgan's Wonderland & The Pneuchair™

The Land Of Legends & Polin Waterparks For Their Work On Legend Of Aqua

Universal Orlando Resort™ And Proslide Technology And Water Technology Inc. For Their Work On Universal's Volcano Bay™

Wanda Cultural Tourism Planning & Research Institute Co., Ltd. And Whitewater For Their Work On Changbaishan Water Park

2016: Beech Bend Park & Splash Lagoon and ProSlide Technology for "Cyclone Saucers"

Hyland Hills Water World and Aquatic Development Group for the "Cowabunga Beach"

Murphys Waves Ltd for the development of Surf-Air®

Polin Waterparks for their innovations in waterslide manufacturing that allows for artistic theming, unique patterns and sound effects



Schlitterbahn Galveston Island and WhiteWater for "MASSIV"

Wanda Cultural Tourism Planning & Research Institute: Theme Park Department
for their work on Xishuangbanna Waterpark

Wet'n Wild Brazil for their Noites Macabras Event

2015: Camelback Lodge & Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark and Architectural Design Consultants, Inc., Aquatic Development Group, Vortex Aquatic Structures International Inc., Weber Group, Inc. and WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. for their work on Camelback Lodge & Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark

Kalahari Resorts & Conventions and Architectural Design Consultants, Inc., Neuman Group, ProSlide Technology Inc. and Weber Group, Inc. for their work on Kalahari Resorts & Conventions

Siam Park and ProSlide Technology Inc. for the "Singha"

Vana Nava Hua Hin Water Jungle and WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. for their work
on Vana Nava Hua Hin Water Jungle

Wet'n'Wild Las Vegas and WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. for their work on launching Slideboarding

2014: Aquaventure at Atlantis The Palm and WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. for the "Tower of Poseidon"

Cartoon Network Amazone and Polin Waterparks for their work on Cartoon Network Amazone

Center Parcs and ProSlide Technology Inc. and Water Technology Inc. for their work on the Subtropical Swimming Paradise at Center Parcs Woburn Forest

Village Roadshow Theme Parks and Myrtha Pools®, ProSlide Technology Inc., Water Technology Inc., and WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. for their work on Wet'n'Wild Sydney

2013: Alpamare & ProSlide Technology Inc. for their work on Splash & Spa Tamaro

Kinston/Lenoir County Parks & Recreation and Avalanche Waterslides, Inc., Family Fun Corporation and Water Technology, Inc. for their work on Lions Water Adventure

Nagashima Resort & WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. for the "Boomerang Twist" at Nagashima Resort

2012: Alabama's SPLASH ADVENTURE Waterpark & WhiteWater West Industries Ltd.
for "Wipeout Adventure Course" at Alabama's SPLASH ADVENTURE Waterpark

Holiday World & Splashin' Safari and ProSlide Technology Inc. for "Mammoth" at Holiday World & Splashin' Safari

Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi and multiple suppliers for the design and development of Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi

Aldar Properties PJSC

Al Jaber LEGT Engineering & Contracting (ALEC)

ATKINS

ProSlide Technology Inc.

Vekoma Rides Manufacturing B. V.

Water Technology Inc.

WhiteWater West Industries Ltd.

WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. and

Wave Loch



HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The World Waterpark Association Hall of Fame exists to recognize and honor those individuals who have made noteworthy achievements in the development and advancement of the water attraction industry. The WWA Hall of Fame celebrates those individuals who have reached a position of eminence through contributions that have provided outstanding service, innovation or advanced the WWA and/or the water attractions industry.

- 2024:** Chris Swartz, Saudi Entertainment Ventures
Ron Hood, The Walt Disney Company
- 2023:** John Child
Gaylee W. Gillim, Attorney at Law
Rob Lawson, Daldorado
Gary Slade, Amusement Today
- 2022:** Billy Hamilton, Universal Orlando Resort
Patty Miller, World Waterpark Association
David Sangree, Hotel & Leisure Advisors
- 2021:** Richard "RAC" Carroll, Ellis & Associates
Randy Neuman, Neuman Pools Inc & Neuman Group
- 2020:** Jim Basala, Deep River Waterpark
Jim Dunn, Aquatic Development Group
- 2019:** Glenn Davidson, Miral
Mark Hatchel, Kimley-Horn
Andrew Mowatt, WhiteWater
Vera Solis, Typhoon Texas Waterparks
- 2018:** Greg Cloward, Cloward H₂O
Kent Lemasters, AmusementAquatic Management Group, Inc. (AMG)
Greg & Kathy Siggers, Wild Water Adventure Park
Wolfgang Teichmann, API WATER FUN GmbH
- 2017:** Terri Adams, Schlitterbahn Waterparks & Resorts
Ken Ellis, Aquatic Development Group, Camelback Resort,
H2OBX Waterpark, Kartrite Hotel and Indoor Waterpark
Franceen Gonzales, WhiteWater
Bob Nagel, Architectural Design Consultants, Inc.
- 2016:** Tom Bergman, MMO INC / BERGMAN Communications
Roger Currie, Neuman Aqua Ltd.
Steve Loose, Hyland Hills Water World
- 2015:** Rick Fuller, Water World, Hyland Hills Park and Recreation District
Chris Mesanko, Thundering Surf Waterpark
Kenn Ramage, Van Stone Conveyor
Andrew Wray, WhiteWater West Industries Ltd.



- 2014:** Robert H. "Budge" and Arlene M. Brown
Sam Haynes, Blue Bayou Water Park
Jill White, Starfish Aquatics Institute
- 2013:** Gary Bennett, Princeton Development, Inc.
Phil Dexter, Big Surf Waterpark
Bob and Billye Henry, Schlitterbahn Waterparks
Randy Mendioroz, Aquatic Design Group, Inc.
Ricardo Castillo Sinibaldi, Irtra
- 2012:** Tim Gantz, Waterpark Venture Management LLC
Sonny Horton, Stone Mountain Park
- 2011:** Lee Hovis, Tolomato Community Development District
Gary Jackson, Stone Mountain
Gary Maurek, Hyland Hills Water World
Nick Scott Sr., Scott Enterprises
- 2010:** Kent Williams, Professional Pool Operators of America
Jess Shockley, World Waterpark Association
Will Koch, Holiday World & Splashin' Safari (posthumously)
John Seeker, Turnstile Advertising
- 2009:** Ron Sutula, Schlitterbahn Galveston Island
Joe Gibbons, Sega Republic Dubai
- 2008:** Bob Kenney, Golfland Entertainment Centers
Fred Kenney, Golfland Entertainment Centers
Jim Kenney, Golfland Entertainment Centers
Fred Langford, Water World Products
Todd Nelson, Kalahari Resorts
Chris Stuart, Silver Rapids Waterpark
- 2007:** R. Wayne Pierce, The Pierce law Firm
Mark Potiriadis, S&P Architects (posthumously)
- 2006:** Barry Gertz, Neptune-Benson
Barry Robertson, Big Country Waterslides, Ltd.
- 2005:** Bill Getz, Aquality Consulting (posthumously)
Tom Lucke, Wilderness Hotel & Resort
Bruce Neviaser, Great Wolf Resorts
Terry Ramaker, Ramaker & Associates
- 2004:** Dave Bruschi, World Waterpark Association
- 2003:** Dwight Myers, Aqua Boggin Waterslides
Terry Turner, Paramount's Carowinds
Judith Leblein, Water Technology, Inc.
Tom Lochtefeld, Wave Loch, Inc.
Greg Briggs, Wild Rivers Waterpark
- 2002:** Richard J. Coulter, Coulter and Associates
Jim Goldhardt, Sevyolor U.S.A
Alan Heuss, Whitewater West U.S.A.
Dr. John Hunsucker, National Aquatic Safety Company
Paula Panton, Water Safety Products



- 2001:** Ed Arrighi, Adventure Bay Water Theme Park
Rick Faber, Schlitterbahn Water Resort
Mike Patrick, Busch Gardens
Steve Rodgers, Roseville Golf and, Ltd.
Dick Samuels, Water Country Corporation
Jerry Lee Taylor, Taylor & Associates, Inc.
- 2000:** Rick Briggs, SCS Interactive
Pat Cartwright, Emerald Pointe and RMD, Inc.
Geoff Chutter, Whitewater West Industries
Dick Croul, Richard Croul Enterprises
Bruce Dalen, Amusement Leisure Worldwide
Dave Dubeta, Water Fun Products
Herb Ellis, Aquatic Development Group
Jeff Ellis, Jeff Ellis & Associates
Bill Haralson, William L. Haralson & Associates
Jeff Henry, Schlitterbahn and NBGS International
Rick Hunter, ProSlide Technology
Wally James, Con-Serv Associates
Greg Mastriona, Hyland Hills Water World
Ernesto Mestas, Fibrart
George Millay, Sea World and Wet 'n Wild
Chuck Neuman, Water Technology
Arturo San Roma, Balneario Ixtapan
Phyllis Smith, White Water University
Ned Standliff, White Water-Atlanta, currently Stone Mountain
Nico Tienpont, Van Egdome
Al Turner, World Waterpark Association and Splash Magazine
Hugo van Zuylen, Duinrell
Jack Waterman, Noah's Ark and Black Wolf Lodge
Turk Waterman, Noah's Ark and Black Wolf Lodge
Gary Zuercher, WaveTek and Sonar International

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

**Awarded by the Association's Board of Directors
for significant accomplishment with their volunteer committees in 2010 / 2011.**

- 2011:** Mike Fijas, Safety Committee Chair, Raging Waves
Chris Landgrave, Education Committee Chair, Deep River Waterpark
Jessica Steinberg, Public Sector Committee Chair, Magic Waters Waterpark
Tiffany Woodward, Marketing & Communications Committee Chair, Jackson Street Holdings LLC /
Wave Renovations LLC

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

Lifetime Achievement Award: The World Waterpark Association Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes outstanding individuals whose pioneering spirit, inventiveness and level of integrity throughout their careers have improved the industry and provided an excellent example of leadership for fellow industry members.

- 2014:** W.A. James, ConServ Associates, Douglasville, Georgia, U.S.A.

- 2012:** Greg Mastriona, Hyland Hills Water World

- 2004:** George Millay



The following award categories have been retired
by the WWA's Board of Directors

INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP AWARD, WATERPARKS:

**Awarded to park members for setting a consistent, exceptional standard in operations,
management and facility development in the water attractions industry.**

- 2011:** Robin Patrick, Water World
Splash Kingdom Family Waterpark
Waterbom Bali

- 2010:** Schlitterbahn, New Braunfels, Texas
Point Mallard, City of Decatur, Decatur, Alabama

- 2009:** Tim Gantz, Noah's Ark Waterpark
Busch Entertainment Corporation, Orlando, Florida
Great Wolf Resorts, Madison, Wisconsin

- 2008:** John Child, Sandcastle Waterpark
Mark Moore, Splash Universe
Holiday World & Splashin' Safari, Santa Claus, Indiana

- 2007:** Alpamare AG, Germany

- 2006:** Knight's Action Park & Caribbean Adventure, Springfield, Illinois
Wet 'n Wild Waterworld, El Paso, Texas
Six Flags Hurricane Harbor, Largo, Maryland
Splash Down Waterpark, Manassas, Virginia
Ocean Oasis – Waterpark and Beach Club, Wildwood, New Jersey

- 2005:** Great Wolf Resorts, Madison, Wisconsin

- 2004:** Whale's Tales Waterpark, Lincoln, New Hampshire
Wild Rivers, Irvine, California

- 2003:** ProParks
Knott's Soak City Parks, California

- 2002:** Palace Entertainment, Irvine, California

- 2001:** Silver Dollar City, Branson, Missouri
Dolly's Splash Water Adventure Park, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

- 2000:** Six Flags, Texas
Cedar Fair, Sandusky, Ohio

- 1999:** Richard Koh, Wet World

- 1998:** Beach Park, Fortaleza, Brazil

- 1997:** The Beach Waterpark, Mason, Ohio



- 1996:** Wet 'n Wild, Orlando, Florida
- 1995:** Dave Bush, FRE, Inc.
- 1994:** Phyllis & Ralph Smith, White Water University
Camara Nacional De La Industria De Banos Y Balnearios, Morelos, Mexico
- 1993:** Pat Cartwright, Emerald Pointe
Will Morey, Sr., Mariner's Landing
Bill Morey, Sr., Morey's Pier/Raging Waters
- 1992:** Jack Herschend, White Water

INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP AWARD, SUPPLIERS:

Awarded to supplier members for setting a consistent exceptional standard of product development and customer service and support in the water attractions industry.

- 2011:** Kathie Luecker, Lincoln Equipment, Inc.
Randy Neuman, Neuman Pools
- 2010:** Bill Hachmeister, Water Odyssey/Fountain People
Jim Goldhart, Z Pro
Paula Panton, Water Safety Products
- 2009:** Mike Holtzman, Profitable Foods
Kenn Ramage, Van Stone Conveyor / Launch Logic
Steve Wilson, Grundfos Pumps / Paco Pumps
- 2008:** Ludo Feyen, Labo Derva
Ed Snyder, Zebec
S&P Architects, London, England
- 2007:** Brock Enterprises, Hamden, Connecticut
- 2006:** Whitewater West Industries, Richmond, British Columbia, Canada
- 2005:** ProSlide Technology, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- 2004:** Gateway Ticketing, Boyertown, Pennsylvania
Ramaker & Associates, Sauk City, Wisconsin
- 2003:** Water Technology, Inc., Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Action Park, Picassent, Valencia
- 2002:** Pageantry World, Inc., Huntington Beach, California
- 2001:** Van Egdome, Holland
- 2000:** SCS Interactive, Denver, Colorado
- 1999:** Kent Williams, Kent Williams Consulting & Professional Operators of America
- 1998:** Aquatic Development Group, Cohoes, New York



1997: Amusement Leisure Equipment, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

1996: Neptune-Benson, Warwick, Rhode Island

1995: Seylor, Los Angeles, California

1994: Express Construction, Downers Grove, Illinois
Ennis Associates, Westminster, Colorado
Water Safety Products, Melbourne Beach, Florida
Aquatic Design Group, Carlsbad, California

1993: Aquatic Amusement Associates, Cohoes, New York
New Braunfels General Store, New Braunfels, Texas
Northeast Aquatic Design, Lynnfield, Massachusetts

INDUSTRY INNOVATION AWARD:

Awarded to individuals or parks for creativity in the development of new themes, facilities, programs, services or operational concepts in the water attractions industry; and to suppliers who have developed new concepts, products or services to the benefit of park members, their customers and the water attractions industry.

2011: Beach Park Waterpark and Empex Watertoys for "Acqua Circo" at Beach Park Waterpark
CENTAMAN for Real-Time In-Park Count Video Technology
Disney Cruise Line and Walt Disney Imagineering for "AquaDuck" on the Disney Dream
Evergreen Wings & Waves Waterpark - Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum
for Integration of An Education and Aviation Theme In A Waterpark
Rapids Water Park and ProSlide Technology for "Rapids Racer" at Rapids Water Park
Spring Valley Beach Water Park and SplashTacular Entertainment for "360Rush"
at Spring Valley Beach Water Park
Water Safety Products, Inc. for ValuStair™
WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. for the World's First Acrylic Master Blaster on a Cruise Ship

INDUSTRY INNOVATION AWARD, WATERPARK:

Awarded to individuals or parks for creativity in the development of new themes, facilities, programs, services or operational concepts in the water attractions industry.

2010: Les Trois Forêts, Center Parcs, Moselle, Lorraine, France
The Happy Magic Watercube, Chinese National Aquatic Center, Beijing, China
Legoland Waterpark, Merlin Waterparks, Carlsbad, California

2009: Atlantis The Palm, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Sahara Sam's Oasis, Berlin, New Jersey
Water Waves Land, Mashad, Iran

2008: Aquatica by SeaWorld, Orlando, Florida
Chimelong Water Park, Guangzhou City, China
Splash! City of La Mirada, La Mirada, California
Zoombezi Bay Waterpark, Columbus, Ohio



- 2007:** Great Wolf Resorts-Mason, Mason, Ohio
- 2006:** Ocean Oasis – Waterpark and Beach Club, Wildwood, New Jersey
- 2005:** Six Flags, Great America, Gurnee, Illinois
Avalanche Bay Indoor Waterpark, Boyne Falls, Michigan
- 2004:** Centre Parcs Europe, The Netherlands
Wild Wild Wet, Singapore
Alton Towers, Staffordshire, United Kingdom
- 2003:** Kalahari Resorts, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
- 2002:** Great Wolf Lodge, The Great Lakes Companies, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin
- 2001:** Schlitterbahn Beach Waterpark, South Padre, Texas
- 2000:** Paramount’s Carowinds, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 1999:** Atlantis Resort, Paradise Island, Bahamas
Wild Wadi, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 1998:** Xocomil Waterpark, Guatemala
OTC Playa Maya, Shenzhen, P.R. of China
Water World, Ayia Napa, Cyprus
- 1997:** Sunway Lagoon, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 1996:** Schlitterbahn Waterpark & Resort, New Braunfels, Texas
- 1995:** Disney’s Blizzard Beach, Lake Buena Vista, Florida
El Rollo de Olas, Tiaquitenango, Morelos, Mexico
- 1994:** City of Vista, Vista, California
Crystal Springs, City of East Brunswick, East Brunswick, New Jersey
- 1993:** Telemark Sommarland, Bo, Norway
Hyland Hills Water World, Federal Heights, Colorado

INDUSTRY INNOVATION AWARD, SUPPLIER:

Awarded to suppliers who have developed new concepts, products or services to the benefit of park members, their customers and the water attractions industry.

- 2010:** GoPod, Best Lockers, Beltsville, Maryland
AquaSplash, Creative Kingdoms, Tillamook, Oregon
ProSlide Technology for the “Wildebeest” at Holiday World & Splashin’ Safari, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Whitewater West Industries for “The Scorpion’s Tail” at Noah’s Ark Waterpark, Richmond, British Columbia, Canada
- 2009:** Haystack Dryers, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
- 2008:** Menerga, Warwick, United Kingdom
Precision Dynamics Corporation, San Fernando, California



- 2007:** Neptune-Benson, Coventry, Rhode Island
- 2006:** Aquatic Development Group, Texlon Roofing Systems, Cohoes, New York
- 2005:** Click n Print Tickets, Houston, Texas
- 2004:** Anchor Industries, Evansville, Indiana
Dippin' Dots, Paducah, Kentucky
- 2003:** Talburt & Associates, Kimberling City, Missouri
Sevylor USA, Los Angeles, California
- 2002:** The Wave House, Wave Loch, Inc., La Jolla, California
- 2001:** Big Squirt, Torrence, California
- 2000:** Water Fun Products, Sylvan Lake, Alberta, Canada
Amusement Leisure Worldwide
- 1998:** National Rock & Sculpture, Sattler, Texas
- 1996:** Wave Loch, La Jolla, California
- 1995:** ProSlide Technology, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- 1994:** Water Ride Concepts, New Braunfels, Texas
Lotec B.V., Helmond, Netherlands
- 1993:** R & R Creative Amusement Designs, Anaheim, California
Stuart Leisure, Ltd., Sussex, England
- 1992:** Rick Briggs, SCS Company
Jeff Henry, New Braunfels General Store
Dave Dubeta, Water Fun Products
Chuck Neuman, Water Technology

**No awards were given in 1997 or 1999 in this category.*

EMERGING LEADERS EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD:

Awarded to a non-managerial employee who has demonstrated consistent service and/or leadership in their position that goes beyond standard expectations of their job description throughout the entire 2014 season—either at a seasonal or in a year-round facility.

- 2014:** D.J. Auzenne, Schlitterbahn Waterparks, Galveston Island, Texas, U.S.A.
Joseph Beshears, Disney's Blizzard Beach Water Park, Lake Buena Vista, Florida, U.S.A.
David Guida, Summit Family Aquatic Center, Summit, New Jersey, U.S.A.
- 2013:** Melanie Alline, NRH₂O Family Water park
Mercedes Brunner, Adventure Landing
Matthew Stevens, SplashDown Beach Water Park
Huntington Wozniak, The Wave Waterpark



2012: Kevin Ebner, Morey's Piers
Chris Ford, Splash Kingdom Family Waterpark
Samuel Gilek, City of Henderson
Christine Gorczyca, Casino Pier & Jenkinson's Breakwater Beach Waterpark
Zikomo Sargeant, CoCo Key Water Resort

EMERGING LEADERS HEROES AMONG US AWARD:

Awarded to a part-time or seasonal employee working at a seasonal or year-round facility who played an integral role in an event, whether inside the park or outside, that impacted guests or the local community in a large or significant way.

2013: Cailee Hepler, Breakers Water Park

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

1995: Ned Standcliff, White Water Atlanta
1994: Jerry Lee Taylor, Taylor & Associates
1993: Greg Mastriona, Hyland Hills Water World
1992: Jack and Turk Waterman, Noah's Ark Waterpark

EXCELLENCE IN WATERPARK DEVELOPMENT

1996: Caribbean Bay, Seoul, South Korea