NASFAA Regional Leadership Award

The NASFAA Regional Leadership Award is presented to individuals, who need not be financial aid administrators, who have made outstanding contributions to the financial aid profession at the regional and state levels over a sustained period of time, i.e., seven years or more. Leadership at the national level is not a criterion for this award, and the selection process will not be limited to current regional, and state elected leaders. Current members of NASFAA’s staff and NASFAA’s Board of Directors, including non-voting members, are not eligible to receive this award.

The individuals selected for this award must:

- Exhibit high integrity and character;
- Have shown creative leadership;
- Have inspired and encouraged others to participate actively in professional development activities;
- Have continued active involvement in professional organizations after holding elected office; and
- Have supported the goals and objectives of NASFAA.

Nominations for this award are submitted by the regional associations. Regional associations may nominate individuals for this award online annually.

Recipients

2023  Tricia Dubroc, LA
2022  Mendy Schmerer, OK
2021  Lauren Jackson, LA
2020  Shannon Crossland, TX
2019  Denise Welch, TX
2018  Janell Valdez, NM
2017  Andrew Hammontree, OK
2016  David Page, LA
2015  Lisa Hopper, AR
2014  Lisa Blazer, TX
2013  Laura Coponiti, OK
2012  Taina Savoit, LA
2011  Richard "Rick" Renshaw, CO
2010  Sherry Hudson, OK
2009  Linda Gonzalez-Hensgen, TX  
2008  Elaine Rivera, TX  
2007  Cheryl Lyons, AR  
2006  Karen Krause, TX  
2005  Earl Hudgins, TX  
2004  Carlia Sproles, AR  
2003  Mary Sue Rix, LA  
2002  Michael Novak, TX  
2001  Gracie Guillory, LA  
2000  Henry Garcia, TX  
1999  Charlie Bruce, OK  
1998  Gerald Craig, AR  
1997  Judy Schneider, TX  
1996  Greely Myers, NM  
1995  John Whiteside, NM  
1994  James Comeaux, LA  
1993  Sam Howell, AR  
1992  Claire "Micki" Roemer, TX  
1991  Leo Hatton, NM  
1990  Leo Munson, TX  
1989  Fred Chreist, NM