



# 2011 ATRA AWARDS

Deadline for  
nominations  
July 30, 2011

Mail , fax or email  
your nomination!

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## ***DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD***

The Alberta Therapeutic Recreation Association recognizes that as the field develops, there are individuals who have, through the length of time of their involvement, advanced the practice of Therapeutic Recreation. This award has been developed to recognize such individuals. This award may be made annually to not more than one member of ATRA.

### ***Qualifications:***

1. Current professional member of ATRA;
2. Significant contribution to the field of Therapeutic Recreation, as determined by the Awards Committee and the ATRA Board of Directors.



## ***PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR***

The Alberta Therapeutic Recreation Association recognizes members that have rendered outstanding service to the Association and the field of endeavors it represents. This award may be made annually to not more than one member of ATRA.

### ***Qualifications:***

1. Current professional membership in ATRA; and
2. Significant contribution to the field of Therapeutic Recreation, ie: service on committees and boards which reflect advancement in our field, outstanding patient care, advocacy work in the field of therapeutic recreation,
3. Development of workshops / presentations promoting therapeutic recreation; and
4. Commitment to ongoing involvement in upgrading personal and professional knowledge related to Therapeutic Recreation; and one of either #4, 5 or 6 below:
5. Elected Board Member or Committee Member of the Board of Directors, or
6. Elected officer or committee member of an ATRA region or chapter; or
7. Served as liaison between ATRA and other professional agencies related to the field of Therapeutic Recreation.

## ***BROADENING HORIZONS AWARD***

The Alberta Therapeutic Recreation Association recognizes and supports innovation in the field of Therapeutic Recreation. This award may be presented annually to not more than one member of ATRA who has broadened our field of practice.

### ***Qualifications:***

1. Current Professional Membership in the Alberta Therapeutic Recreation Association; and
2. Exceptional contribution to the profession which has affected philosophy or practice, and
3. Appearances to groups in person, over the radio or television pertaining to the broad field of Therapeutic Recreation; or
4. Articles in newspapers or magazines on topics pertaining to Therapeutic Recreation; or
5. Research which has helped advance the profession; or
6. Author/co-author of any book on Therapeutic Recreation or related fields; or
7. Has expanded the field of Therapeutic Recreation into a new setting (i.e. Home Care, Schools, Seniors Housing, etc.); or
8. Has taken a lead role in innovative approaches to Therapeutic Recreation (i.e., programming, treatment, leisure education, community enhancement, etc.)

***Each person who wins an award will receive a complimentary one-year ATRA membership!***

***Each person who nominates someone for an award will have their name placed in a draw for a complimentary one-year ATRA membership!***

## **STUDENT AWARD**

The Alberta Therapeutic Recreation Association recognizes students who have demonstrated academic ability, promise of a contribution to the field of Therapeutic Recreation, and have worked in the Therapeutic Recreation field. This award may be made annually to not more than two students.

### **Qualifications:**


1. Declared major in Recreation/Therapeutic Recreation or graduate studies related to Therapeutic Recreation; and
2. Current enrollment in university or college, third year standing or above if enrolled in a four-year program, second year standing if enrolled in a two year program; and
3. 7.5 overall GPA minimum or equivalent; and
4. Volunteer/work experience in Therapeutic Recreation; and
5. Student or professional member of ATRA.
6. Two letters of reference (preferably one from an educator, and one from a practitioner) addressing the nominee's potential contributions to TR.

## **AGENCY / INDIVIDUAL CITATION**

The Alberta Therapeutic Recreation Association recognizes agencies and/or individuals (non-members) that have done something extraordinary to create opportunities for the field of Therapeutic Recreation. This award may be made annually to either an individual or an agency.

### **Qualifications:**

Any institution/organization or individual whose efforts have promoted Therapeutic Recreation. Examples of promotion of Therapeutic Recreation could include the following:

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1. Promotion of Therapeutic Recreation on any level.
  2. Serving as a volunteer in Therapeutic Recreation.
  3. Contribution of an unusual nature to the field of Therapeutic Recreation; research, author/co-author of a book or textbook, appearances to groups, etc. which helps to advance the field of therapeutic recreation.
  4. Active involvement with university/college studies through practicum, work experience opportunities, presentations, etc.
  5. Therapeutic Recreation programs which are recognized as exemplary by clients, Board of Directors and/or other disciplines.

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## **NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS**

Please identify the award and submit complete information. Nominations received without complete information will not be considered.

For each award identify: Name of Candidate, Job Title, Employer, Mailing Address and Phone Number(s). In addition, include Nominator's Name, Address and Phone Number(s).

For each award, in five hundred words or less, identify and explain why the candidate should receive this award. Please indicate how each of the qualifications has been met. For the Broadening Horizons Award, list the date, type and title of each publication, writing or speaking project, if applicable. If flyers or summation of the papers are available, please submit these. Student Award nominations must be complete with copies of qualifications and letters of reference.

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# Previous Award Winners 1989 - 2010

**2010**

**Distinguished Service**  
Jane Papenhuyzen  
**Professional of the Year**  
Annette Yunick  
**Broadening Horizons**  
Anita Selby  
**Student Award**  
Tara Tremel  
**Agency/Individual Citation**  
Nicholas Sheran  
Leisure Centre

**2009**

**Distinguished Service**  
Jim Koning  
**Professional of the Year**  
Erin Turnell  
**Broadening Horizons**  
Tanea Goncales  
**Student Award**  
Daisha Weber  
**Agency/Individual Citation**  
City of Calgary -  
Diane Roski, Diversity  
Coordinator

**2008**

**Distinguished Service**  
Jane Crawford  
**Professional of the Year**  
Colene McCuaig  
**Broadening Horizons**  
Janette Engen  
**Student Awards**  
Lisa Dickau & Colleen Moses  
**Agency/Individual Citation**  
Lethbridge Community College -  
TR Gerontology Program

**2007**

**Distinguished Service**  
Kim Francis  
**Professional of the Year**  
Deanna LeSage  
**Broadening Horizons**  
Michelle Knox  
**Student Award**  
Kathy Kutzer  
**Agency/Individual Citation**  
Village Square Leisure Centre

**2006**

**Research, Publishing,  
Writing or Speaking**  
Andrea Ganden  
**Broadening Horizons**  
Wendy Brown  
**Volunteer Recognition**  
Kari Medd & Kristi Getz  
**Student Award**  
Heather Craig  
**Individual Citation**  
Jeff Lubin, Calgary Golf Academy  
**Agency Citation**  
Shamrock Curling Club

**2005**

**Distinguished Service**  
Glenda Heale  
**Professional of the Year**  
Deb Payne  
**Research, Publishing  
Writing or Speaking**  
Cathy Fagnan  
**Broadening Horizons**  
Wendy Brown  
**Volunteer Recognition**  
Victoria Kaiser  
**Individual Citation**  
Aimee Miller  
**Agency Citation**  
Rehab Department  
Calgary Health Region

**2004**

**Distinguished Service**  
Debbie Lake  
**Professional of the Year**  
Tanea Goncalves  
**Research, Publishing  
Writing or Speaking**  
Dr. Rodney Dieser  
**Broadening Horizons**  
Jill Kelland  
**Volunteer Recognition**  
Janna Powell-Smith  
**Student Award**  
Patti Ballance  
**Individual Citation**  
Rick Bruggeman  
**Agency Citation**  
Excel Society, Edmonton

**2003**

**Distinguished Service**  
Dianne Bowtell  
**Professional of the Year**  
Janette Engen  
**Research, Publishing or  
Speaking**  
Henriette Groeneveld  
**Broadening Horizons**  
Eric Roque  
**Volunteer Recognition**  
Nicole Stroh & Kathleen Switzer  
**Student Award**  
Jen O'Brien  
**Individual Citation**  
Herb Swanson  
**Agency Citation**  
Ukrainian Cultural Village

**2002**

**Distinguished Service**  
Eugene Ulmer  
**Professional of the Year**  
Glenda Heale  
**Broadening Horizons**  
Claire Dulac  
**Volunteer Recognition**  
Wendy Brown &  
Charlene Shupenia  
**Student Award**  
Victoria Anderson & Kathy Peters

**Individual Citation**

Robb James, Golf Pro  
**Agency Citation**  
Movement Matters Program

**2001**

**Distinguished Service**  
Lorna Snow  
**Professional of the Year**  
Susan Morrissey  
**Research, Publishing, Speaking**  
Dianne Bowtell  
**Volunteer Recognition**  
Lien Nguyen  
**Student Award**  
Alysha Lust  
**Individual Citation**  
Reta Koslo  
**Agency Citation**  
Rural Chinook Health Region

**2000**

**No Awards**

**1999**

**Professional of the Year**  
Susan Acorn  
**Individual Citation**  
Naomi Foster

**1998**

**Professional of the Year**  
Debbie Lake  
**Volunteer Recognition**  
Deanna LeSage  
**Student Awards**  
Michelle Elliott &  
Margaret MacCabe  
**Individual Citation**  
Jackie Walker  
Stroke Golf Program  
**Agency Citation**  
Calgary Regional Health Authority  
Recreation Therapy Department

**1997**

**Professional of the Year**  
Isleta Bergen  
**Volunteer Recognition**  
Darlene Murphy  
**Student Awards**  
Colleen Hullman & Julie Munro

**1996**

**Professional of the Year**  
Tia Wever  
**Research, Publishing,  
Writing or Speaking**  
Jill Kelland  
**Volunteer Recognition**  
Lisette Lane &  
Mary-Lou Mudie-Duncan  
**Student Awards**  
Lidija Uzelac &  
Jason Kosolofski  
**Individual Citation**  
Evelyn Christensen

**1995**

**Volunteer Recognition**  
Barbara Smith  
**Student Award**  
Debbie Goffinet  
**Individual Citation**  
Lou Niebor, Stroke Recovery  
Association of Calgary

**1994**

**Distinguished Service**  
Beth Velde  
**Professional of the Year**  
Susan Bury  
**Student Awards**  
Linda Sauter &  
Joanne Trofanenko

**1993**

**Distinguished Service**  
Darlene Murphy  
**Special Recognition Award**  
Deanna LeSage  
**Individual Citation**  
Gene Neel  
**Student Awards**  
Anita Vahaaho &  
Sandra VonVlack

**1992**

**Professional of the Year**  
Theresa Matus  
**Student Award**  
Pam Shindler  
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**1991**

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**Agency Citation**  
In-Definite Arts Society

**1990**

**Professional of the Year**  
Sue Hatfield-Cusano  
**Special Recognition Awards**  
Debbie Fredericks  
Amy Kheong & Tony Spencer  
**Student Award**  
Jennifer Affolder  
**Distinguished Service Awards**  
Dianne Bowtell &  
Renate Sainsbury

**1989**

**The first ATRA Awards!**

**Professional of the Year**  
Dianne Bowtell  
**Distinguished Service**  
Victoria Ryan & Susan Scott  
**Individual Citation**  
Carol Ann Peterson  
**Agency Citation**  
Alberta Hospital, Edmonton  
**Special Recognition**  
Judy John, Jill Kelland &  
Starr Kolb  
**Student Awards**  
Deanna LeSage & Colleen Hood