

2012 NRPA National Award Recipients

THE NATIONAL AND NETWORK AWARDS are presented to deserving candidates in several specific categories. The recipients are chosen for excellence in a variety of topics including professional and voluntary service, programming, leadership, research, and public outreach. The Award recipients will be honored at the Best of the Best Ceremony, during NRPA's 2012 Congress and Exposition in Anaheim, California, October 17. Please join us in congratulating the 2012 recipients:

Armed Forces Recreation Achievement

- Jeffery B. Sias, Naval Station Rota, Spain

Barb King Award for Environmental Stewardship

- County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation, California

Dorothy Mullen Arts and Humanities Awards

- **Class I**—BREC's Magnolia Mound Plantation, East Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- **Class III**—Summer Arts In The Parks, Waukegan Park District, Illinois
- **Class IV**—Best Southwest Juneteenth Celebration, City of Cedar Hill, Texas
- **Class V**—Rutland Youth Theatre, Rutland Recreation & Parks Department, Vermont

Excellence in Inclusion Award—Agency

- City of Boulder Parks and Recreation, Colorado

Excellence in Inclusion Award—Individual

- Anna Wood, Sudbury Park and Recreation, Massachusetts

Excellence in Military Recreation Award

- Fort Knox Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Community Recreation Division, Kentucky

Excellence in Teaching Award

- Cheryl L. Stevens, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina

Excellence in Water Safety Award

- Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam MWR Aquatics Department, Hawaii

Kudos Award for Marketing Campaign

- OC Parks, Orange County, California

Kudos Award for Marketing Piece

- Five Rivers MetroParks, Dayton, Ohio

Kudos Award for Public Relations

- City of Henderson Parks and Recreation Department, Nevada

National Health and Fitness Award

- Woodland Discovery Summer Challenge at Shelby Farms Park, Shelby Farms Park Conservancy, Memphis, Tennessee

National Partnership Award

- Parks After Dark (PAD) Summer Program, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation, South Agency, California

National Voluntary Service Award

- Maxine Lakin, Phoenix, Arizona

Park or Facility Design Award

- **Class I**—San Leandro Community Center, City of San Leandro, California
- **Class II**—Rosemont Bridge at Buffalo Bayou Park, City of Houston Parks and Recreation, Texas

Ralph C. Wilson Award

- Bert Neal, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Theodore & Franklin Roosevelt Award for Excellence in Recreation and Park Research

- William P. Stewart, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Recognition of Significant Efforts (R.O.S.E.)

- Bill Campbell, Santa Ana, California

National Distinguished Professional Award

- Teresa Grodsky, Evanston, Illinois

Robert W. Crawford Rising Professional Award

- Shane Mize, Missouri City, Texas

2012 NRPA Network Award Recipients

Distinguished Professionals

- Teresa Grodsky, Leisure & Aging Network
- Carol P. Moore, Southern Region Network
- Bert Neal, Administrators Network
- Anne Harper Panattoni, Armed Forces Recreation Network

Rising Professionals

- Hilary Boen, Aquatics Network
- Brooke Burk, Young Professionals Network
- Nathaniel Jaramillo, Administrators Network
- Kristy Lintz, Midwest Region Network
- Shane Mize, Southwest Region Network
- Elisabeth Weaver, Armed Forces Recreation Network

Outstanding Graduate Student


- Anna Pechenik, University of Mississippi

Outstanding Student Club


- Rho Phi Lambda, Reedley, California

2012 National Partnership Spotlight

Darden Foundation

 The Darden Foundation and NRPA have partnered to improve public parks and trails through the Great American Trails program. With additional support from LongHorn Steakhouse employees, grant projects in eight communities are improving trails.


The Easton Foundations

 Through NRPA's partnership with The Easton Foundations, the "Discover Archery" grant was offered to park and recreation agencies with existing archery programs. "Discover Archery" offers park and recreation professionals training and certification in archery instruction and access to specialized equipment.

Federal Partnerships

 Programs funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) empower park and recreation departments to develop collaborative partnerships in all sectors of a community. These partnerships focus on creating and improving policies that increase physical activity, improve nutrition, and decrease exposure to tobacco to help advance the nation's efforts to prevent chronic diseases.


Food Research & Action Center and ConAgra Foods Foundation

 FRAC is the leading national non-profit organization working to improve public policies and public-private partnerships to eradicate hunger and under-nutrition in the United States. The ConAgra Foods Foundation pursues sustainable solutions to end child hunger and teach kids about nutrition so they have the nourishment they need today to flourish tomorrow. Together, FRAC, the ConAgra Foods Foundation and NRPA are supporting park and recreation agencies' ability to serve healthy snacks and meals to children in after school and summer programs.

Get to Know

 NRPA is partnering with Get to Know, a program that invites young people to experience nature firsthand and then share their experience by creating works of art, writing, photography, music, or video.

The Golf Course Builders Association of America Foundation

 The Sticks for Kids program ensures that children, regardless of socioeconomic status, have an opportunity to play golf. Promoting health and wellness while connecting youth with nature through play, the program has provided junior golf clubs to over 500 communities.

The Hershey Company

 Hershey's Track & Field Games (HTFG) celebrated their 35th anniversary this year. Together, NRPA and HTFG have enhanced the awareness of track and field as a component of PLAY and achieved a greater number of active, healthy youth engaged in sports and the outdoors. The Games have become the largest youth sports program of its kind in North America promoting physical fitness for children 9 to 14 years old.

Kansas Health Foundation

 NRPA in partnership with the Kansas Health Foundation (KHF) awarded grants to five park and recreation agencies in Kansas to enhance summer feeding programs while also offering fun health education opportunities and community gardening, impacting the lives of more than 500 children in the state. The Kansas Health Foundation is a private philanthropy dedicated to improving the health of all Kansans.

Major League Baseball

NRPA's partnership with MLB over the past several years has enabled approximately 1.3 million young people across the country to engage and participate in MLB programs.

