

**NYWEA Awards
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Celebrating Our 2024 Water Superheros



Congratulations to all of our 2024 Awardees!

The NYWEA awards program is made possible thanks to the dedicated members of the Awards Committee, led by Chair Jacob Kocic (see back page for members). We are thankful for their hard work and commitment to making sure our members are recognized.

A special thank you goes out to all of our NYWEA members and colleagues who took the time to submit nominations for our fellow water sector professionals.

Association Service Awards

- Student Chapter Service Award
Xin Yi (Abbie) Cheong
- Outstanding Student Service Award
Sarah Pineandi
- Jane Ork Award
Robert Ostapczuk
- John Chester Brigham Award
Lisa Melville
- John Chester Brigham Award
Nancy Vigneault
- Robert M. MacCrea Award
Craig Moore
- Young Professionals Service Award
Hannah Sheehan

Beneficial Use of Biosolids Award

- Village of Endicott
- City of Lockport WWTP Composting Facility

Environmental Engineer Award

- Jesse Semanchik

Municipal Achievement Award

- City of Binghamton and Johnson City

Nelson A. Rockefeller Award

- William Conrad

Hall of Fame Award

- John Fortin

Ernest R. Carroll Safety Award

- Edward Wright

Wastewater Facility Operations Awards

- Collection System Operator Award
Joseph Miraglia
- Milton T. Hill Award
Kiah Miller
- Outstanding Operator of the Year Award
Philip Grayson
- Outstanding Operator of the Year Award
Jay Irwin
- Uhl T. Mann Award
Maintenance 10.1 - 50 MGD
Peter Monico
- Uhl T. Mann Award
Operations 10.1 - 50 MGD
Andrey Malkov
- Uhl T. Mann Award
Maintenance 50+ MGD
Anthony Ruggiero
- Uhl T. Mann Award
Operations 50+ MGD
Kevin McCormick

Committee Service Awards

- Awards Committee
Brian Skidmore
- DE&I Committee
Michelle Hess
- DE&I Committee
Walter Walker



Committee Service Awards (Cont.)

- Asset Management Committee
Daniel Capano
- YP Committee
Noelle Sawicki

Board Service Awards

- YP State Board Representative
Sara Sepulveres
- Metropolitan Chapter Representative
Gregory Shaw, Jr.
- Operator Certification Governance Council
Daniel O’Sullivan
- Operator Certification Governance Council
Alan Oates

Outgoing President

- Lisa J. Derrigan 2024**

Incoming President

- Daniel Rourke 2025**

WEF Awards

- Arthur Sidney Bedell Award
Roberta “Robbie” Gaiek
- Life Membership
John Fortin
- Life Membership
Richard Roll
- Life Membership
Bruce Munn
- Life Membership
Paul Joseph Drof
- Quarter Century Operator
Richard Izzo

Lucy Grassano Awardees

- Capital Chapter
Dean Ellington
Albany County Water Purification District
- Central Chapter
Jeffrey Duke
Village of Owego
- Genesee Valley Chapter
Jeffrey Utegg
Livingston County Water and Sewer Authority
- Long Island Chapter
Frank Ferro
Suffolk County
- Lower Hudson Chapter
Brandon Jabbour
Westchester County DEF
- Western Chapter
Stephen O’Connell
Buffalo Sewer Authority
- Metropolitan Chapter
Christos Pipelias
NYC DEP

Long Standing Members

- 20 Years**
David Barnes
Ravi Basant
Phillip Campisi
Daniel Capano
Allen Deur
Jane Gajwani
Lawrence Greenberg
Eric Haslam
Michael Hershelman
Angela Horton
Christopher Kelly
Carl Lagasca
Gregory Levasseur

Long Standing Members (Cont.)

- 20 Years**
Jean Malafronte
Jeremy Meerdink
Peter Pesaresi
William Pfrang
Kevin Quinn
Michael Reichel
Pau Rush
Matthew Scheiner
David Snyder
John Story
Michael Walker
Lawrence Wang
Allen Winchell
Brian Wirta
- 30 Years**
Edward Barboe
Samuel Case
Christopher Fry
Gregory Jager
Viktor Levin
Joseph Marturano
A. Scott McFarland
John Perriello
Michael Sandor
- 40 Years**
Richard Cotugno
Frederick Di Risio
Steven Hearl
Theresa Heneveld
Alfonso Lopez
Michael Smith
- 50 Years**
Francis Bridges
Steven Fangmann
Joseph Fioralisio
Libby Ford
Robert Kukenberger
Rengachari Srinivasaraghavan
- 60 Years**
Henry Chlupsa
George Krupa
Jerry Lastihenos
Edwin Polese

We are proud of all the work our awardees do to improve the water sector and protect human health and the environment.
Thank you for setting a high standard that serves as an inspiration to our membership!