



2024 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Guidelines for Nominations

To make a nomination, please send all of the following information to AABC :

- Nominee's name, degrees, address, telephone number, and email address.
- Category for which person is being nominated
- Evidence of meeting the criteria for this award (250-500 words)
- Person who is making nomination, address, telephone number, and email address.

Send to: AABC Awards Committee at KateBauer@BirthCenters.org.

Deadline for 2024 Nominations:- **EXTENDED TO AUGUST 26, 2024**

Criteria for Awards

PROFESSIONAL

1. Licensed practitioner or administrator in an out-of-hospital setting for 5 years and/or member of AABC for 5 years.
2. Actively supportive of birth centers as an alternative birth site option in the community.
3. Active in promoting birth centers as a cost-effective, health-oriented alternative for low risk, healthy women and families in areas of well-woman care, pregnancy, labor, birth and the newborn period.
4. Has contributed to the advancement and/or establishment of birth centers in the United States.
5. Active in promoting ongoing community support of the basic philosophy of birth centers to the public (i.e. through public speaking, published articles, etc.)
6. Politically active and aware of the problems facing birth centers in the past and present. Committed to improving birth centers in the future; through continued upholding of birth centers as safe alternative care for women.

COLLABORATING PHYSICIAN

1. Collaborating physician for a freestanding birth center for 5 years and/or member of AABC for 5 years.
2. Actively supportive of birth centers as an alternative birth site option in the community.
3. Active in promoting birth centers as a cost-effective, health-oriented alternative for low risk, healthy women and families in areas of well-woman care, pregnancy, labor, birth and the newborn period.

4. Has contributed to the advancement and/or establishment of birth centers in the United States.
5. Active in promoting ongoing community support of the basic philosophy of birth centers to the public (i.e. through public speaking, published articles, etc.)
6. Politically active and aware of the problems facing birth centers in the past and present. Committed to improving birth centers in the future through continued upholding of birth centers as safe alternative care for women.

COMMUNITY

1. Supportive of the basic philosophies of birth centers regarding preventive health-oriented care for women and their infants in pregnancy, labor, birth and the newborn period.
2. Through community awareness programs and/or projects has contributed to the growth of birth centers or promotes birth centers as an alternate, cost effective health care option (i.e. - sponsoring support groups, lobbying to make legislators aware of consumer needs, talking to large groups, etc.)
3. Is a consumer of a birth center who is committed to the birth center future as the community health care option for normal, low risk women and their families.

MEDIA

1. Supportive of basic philosophies of birth centers regarding preventive health-oriented care for women and their infants in pregnancy, labor, birth and the newborn period.
2. Accurate reporting of birth centers as an alternative safe, cost effective site for birth through excellence in newscasting, journalism, video promotion, websites, etc.
3. Active in support, through media, of alternative health care options and health care providers to promote health and wellness in the community.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE

1. Active in sponsoring and/or supporting legislation supportive of the concept of birth centers and the basic philosophy of AABC.
2. Active in support of reimbursement from both private insurance and federal funds.
3. Supportive of preventive, health oriented, cost effective health care for all.
4. Supportive of health care alternatives and alternative health practitioners as safe, cost effective health care options for normal, low risk women and their families.

Past Recipients of the AABC Achievement Awards

PROFESSIONAL

1992 Sr. Angela Murdaugh, CNM
 1993 Ruth Shiers, CNM
 1994 Phyllis Leppert, MD
 1995 Marion McCartney, CNM
 1996 Edith Wonnell, CNM
 Kitty Ernst, CNM
 1997 Mary Lou Longeway, RN
 Henry Maicki, MD
 1998 Lisa Ross, CNM
 1999 Jon Vrtiska, MD
 2000 Susan R Stapleton, CNM
 2001 Elizabeth Gilmore, CPM
 2002 Ann Sober, RN
 2003 Robert Crawford, MD
 2004 Pat Brewer, CNM
 2005 Sandy Williamson, CNM
 2006 Denise Roy, CNM
 2007 not awarded
 2008 Roberta Frank, CNM
 2009 Margaret Dorroh, CNM
 2010 Kathryn Schrag, CNM
 2011 Melanie Dossey
 2012 Kenneth Blau, MD
 2013 Jill Alliman, CNM
 2014 Paula Bernini Feigal, LM, CPM
 2015 Fran Wertman, CNM
 2016 Maureen Darcey, CNM
 2017 Abigail Lanin Eaves, CNM
 2018 Norma Verdiano, MD
 2019 Olga Ryan, RN
 2020 not awarded
 2021 Amy Johnson-Grass, ND, CPM
 2022 Laura Wiegand
 Kara Peterson, CNM
 2023 Gazelle Lange, CNM
 Angela Lyttle, CNM

COLLABORATING PHYSICIAN

2005 Josh Gettinger, MD
 2006 Elizabeth Stifel, MD
 2007 Owen Bell, MD
 2008 Dominic Cammarano, DO
 2009 Henry Ramini, MD
 2010 Stephen Guy, MD
 2011 Menachem Miodovnik
 2012 Shanti Mohling, MD
 2013 Glen Elrod, MD
 Martha Carlough, MD and the
 UNC Dept of Family Medicine
 2014 James Martin, MD
 2015 Leon Schimmel, MD

2016 Lawrence Leeman, MD
 Janice Anderson, MD
 2017 Lisa Johnson, MD and the OB
 Hospitalist Physicians at
 Alaska Medical Center
 2018 Dennis Miller, MD
 2019 Ryan Dickerson, MD
 George Buchanan, MD
 2020 not awarded
 2021 Dennis Hartung, MD
 2022 not awarded
 2023 Nicola Pemberton, MD

COMMUNITY

1992 Phyllis Rothschild
 1993 Stanley Fisch, MD
 1994 Barbara Cattermole &
 Rosemary Frank Vitale
 1996 Janette Schneider
 1997 The Council for Empowering
 Childbearing Families
 1998 Marjorie Jordan, RN, ACCE
 1999 Samuel Petre
 2000 Janet Hall
 2001 Jean Douglas Smith
 2002 Monroe County Executive and the
 Board of Directors of Women's
 Wellness and Maternity Center
 2003 not awarded
 2004 Ann Ross
 2005 not awarded
 2006 Claudia Booker
 2007 not awarded
 2008 Marisa Page
 2009 not awarded
 2010 Amy Polk (in memoriam)
 2011 Judith Treistman
 2012 Amy Swagman
 2013 not awarded
 2014 Amy Saloner & Jen Aliano –
 Natural Baby Pros
 2015 Rebecca Romero-Rainey
 2016 not awarded
 2017 Tricia Balazovic
 Megan Brown
 2018 Jack & Sherry Youngblood
 2019 not awarded
 2020 not awarded
 2021 Amber Allen
 Krystyna Bowman
 2022 not awarded
 2023 not awarded

MEDIA

1992 Jamie Bolane
 1993 Henci Goer
 1994 Polly Wells
 1995 Sarah Peasley
 1996 Diane Mason, RN
 1997 Cindy Richards
 1998 Diony Young
 1999 Cindy Loose
 2001 Banyan Productions
 2002 not awarded
 2003 W.K. Kellogg Foundation
 2004 Polly Wells
 2005 Jennifer Fink
 2006 Paula Wilmont
 2007 not awarded
 2008 Wolf Creek Media Productions
 2009 Manic Productions
 2010 Pat Jones, CNM
 2011 Chad Harper
 2012 not awarded
 2013 not awarded
 2014 Eugene DeClercq, PhD
 2015 Judy Norsigian/Our Bodies Ourselves
 2016 Michelle Munz
 2017 Linda Cole, CNM + Melissa Avery, CNM
 2018 Barbara Anderson, CNM
 2019 Ian Hill/Urban Institute
 2020 not awarded
 2021 not awarded
 2022 Ann Sporre
 2023 Anna Claire Vollers

PUBLIC ADVOCATE

1992 Representative Michael O'Pake
 1993 Governor Lawton Chiles
 1994 Charles Mahan, MD
 1995 Sidney Wolfe, MD and Mary
 Gabay for Public Citizen
 1996 Senator Lucy Killea
 1997 Phillip Lee
 1998 Anne Richter, CNM
 1999 Chuck Wray
 2000 Colleen Conway-Welch, CNM
 2001 Barbara Levin, MD
 2002 not awarded
 2003 William Lubic
 2004 Lonnie Morris, CNM
 2005 not awarded
 2006 not awarded
 2007 Senator Bettye Davis
 2008 not awarded

- 2009 Sponsors of the Birth Center
Medicaid Reimbursement Act:
Reps. Susan Davis, Lois Capps,
Gus Bilirakis and Rob Wittman;
Senators Barbara Boxer and
Mark Begich
- 2010 Jill Alliman, CNM + Karen Fennell
RN
- 2011 Edwards Barham
Susan Jenkins
- 2012 James "Ed" Daughtry
- 2013 Health & Medicine Policy
Research Group
- 2014 Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton
- 2015 Kendra Wyatt
- 2016 Utah Senator Deidre Henderson
- 2017 Midwives Association of
Washington State (MAWS)
- 2018 Jamie Zahlaway Belsito
- 2019 Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard
Rep. Jamie Herrera Butler
- 2020 not awarded
- 2021 Heather Thompson
- 2022 not awarded
- 2023 Representatives Amy Summers
Heather Tully and Kathie Hess
Crouse