

The 2019 Iowa Chinese Achievement Awards

The Association presented the awards at Grand View University, Des Moines on January 25, 2020.

Person of the Year

Amb. Kenneth Quinn

Person of the Year honors an distinctive individual, for the best interest of the State of Iowa, Iowa citizens, and Iowa Chinese community, who has exemplary to influence the events of the year, in Iowa. Person of the Year is dedicated to celebrating individuals for their distinguished in involvement and contribution to the Iowa Chinese community.

The Lifetime Achievement Award in International Friendship

Bill Ossey

The Lifetime Achievement Award in International Friendship recognizes individuals and organizations that persistently provide extraordinary support for international cultures, education, partnership, understanding, and business. All the nominees have demonstrated an established track record of excellence in either community, culture, business, education, research, policy or practice. They have demonstrated their great support to Iowa international community throughout the last thirty years and showcase the impact of their support.

The Distinguished Achievement Award in Public Service

City of Des Moines Mayor Frank Cownie

State of Iowa Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald

The Distinguished Achievement Award in Public Service recognizes individuals and/or organizations to improve the quality of people's lives locally, nationally, or internationally. The award committee considers the nature and extent of the public service activity, the amount of time and effort involved, and the lasting impact it has had. The basis for the nomination may be political, economic, social, cultural, civic, education-related, or health-related achievements.

The Distinguished Achievement Award in Public Service honors visionary and dedicated leaders who are doing extraordinary work and addressing critical issues for the local and international communities, the award recognizes the individuals and organizations that have demonstrated excellence in leadership through deep local understanding and outstanding initiatives. The awards are designed to advance community-driven, innovative and sustainable solutions to critical issues facing the local, national and international levels. The award honorees will serve as role models to inform best practices and affirm and advance robust policies and practice in the field.

Outstanding Achievement Award for Advising on Youth, Professional, Social, Cultural, and Business Development

Causey & Ye Law, PLLC

Eric Idehen

Goodhue, Coleman & Owens, P.C.

This award is based on recommendations provided by Iowa international community members, cultural and business leaders, as well as students for a person's or an organization's outstanding performance in the following areas: mastery of advising process, availability to community members, business executives, cultural leaders, professionals, and students; effectiveness and creativity; impact on community members, business executives, cultural leaders, professionals, and students; growth in advising responsibility; appropriate referral activities; mastery of institutional regulations, policies and procedures; and performing advising with integrity and dedication. The award recognizes overall effectiveness in advising with community members, business executives, cultural leaders, professionals, and students as well as individual professional goal-setting, career planning, and personal counseling.

The Leadership in Diversity Award

Alex Piedras

Iowa National Guard

Mark Hanson

The Leadership in Diversity Award recognizes individuals and organizations that demonstrate outstanding creativity, commitment and effectiveness in promoting diversity in the State of Iowa.

The International Business Leadership Award

Marathon Ginseng Gardens

The International Business Leadership Award honors an outstanding business executive or visionary business leader whose accomplishments and professional contributions to the international business community are recognized as motivational, inspirational, and transformational.

The Community Leadership Award

Iowa City Area Chinese Association

The Community Leadership Award honors visionary and dedicated leaders who are doing extraordinary work and addressing critical issues in the State of Iowa, the award recognizes Iowan individuals and organizations that have demonstrated excellence in leadership through deep local understanding and outstanding initiative. The award is designed to advance community-driven, innovative and sustainable solutions to critical issues facing the State of Iowa. The award honorees serve as new models to inform best practices and affirm and advance robust policies in the field.

The Community Business Award

Livingston Real Estate Team

New Hong Kong Restaurant

The Community Business Award is dedicated to companies or business executives that address deprivation and create sustainable, dynamic and inclusive communities. It is also for individuals whose leadership and commitment to responsible business has resulted in changes and improvements inside their own company and who have also inspired other organizations to execute appropriate actions.

Education Leadership Award

Pella Christian High School

State Historical Museum of Iowa

The Education Leadership Award is designed to recognize the exceptional leadership of active, front-line leaders who are making a difference in the lives of students every day. Each candidate is judged on the following criteria: 1) Leadership for Learning – creativity in successfully meeting the needs of students in his/her school; 2) Communication – strength in both personal and organizational communication; 3) Professionalism – constant improvement of administrative knowledge and skills, while providing motivation to others on the education team; 4) Community Involvement – active participation in local community activities and an understanding of regional, national, and international issues.

Professional Leadership Award

Benjamin Chuanwu Bu

Larry Bo Lan

Karen Feifei Ning

Emma Ting Yan

Professional Leadership Award is given to someone who demonstrates exemplary professional practice and exceptional humanity. The recipient of this award is fully engaged with and embodies the ideals of the Iowa community: 1) is regarded in his or her field as a leader whose ideas change how we think about and do our work; 2) is a whole systems thinker with a multidisciplinary approach to practice; 3) models methods of practice that we aspire to; 4) demonstrates the highest integrity and honesty; 5) is immensely generous in sharing his or her knowledge, skill, and experience; 6) is a person of great heart; 7) is a clear thinker and communicator; 8) has a profound curiosity that extends the boundaries of our shared knowledge.

Volunteer of the Year Award

Beining Feng

Eric Yangyi Song

Volunteer of the Year Award is dedicated for those who lead a life of volunteerism and making a difference in the communities in which they live and work. The nominations and selections are judged based on their involvement, impact to the organization and the value of their work to the community.

Youth Leadership Award

Xiangheng Li

Susan Siyuan Li

Hira Mustafa

Kevin Renda Wang

Sara Xiangnan Yi

Shawn Shangye Zhan

Youth Leadership Award is an annual award bestowed upon a deserving youth between 15 to 30 years of age who has demonstrated involvement, commitment, and leadership in political, business, cultural, educational, and community development whether locally, nationally, and/or internationally.

Youth of the Year Award

Grace Fengwei Zhen

Jack Jinrong Liu

Mori Keyao Liu

Richard Zirui Zhang

Roger Luojie Wong

Sandy Yuening Wang

Youth of the Year Award recognizes the young people who serve and make a difference in our community, they will be honored for their selfless acts and character development. Youths who are attending or have attended a high school, secondary school or equivalent standard of school in any other educational establishment and must be under 19 years of age on Jan. 1, 2020.

The Young Artist Award

Tina Tianxin Wu

The Young Artist Award annually recognizes middle, high school and college students who are talented in art, music, dance, theatre, or film and emerging media. These students have been selected based on the quality of their art and a high level of excellence and creativity in their work.

