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CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF IOWA



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The Chinese Association of Iowa (CAI) is a community-based, non-profit organization. CAI represents the business, economic, and social interests of Iowa's Chinese American population. The mission of the Chinese Association of Iowa is to promote friendship among Chinese and other ethnic groups; to provide assistance to the Chinese Americans of Iowa; and to promote the civic, cultural, and educational development of the Chinese-American community in Iowa.

Since 1987, the Chinese Association of Iowa has provided the following cultural programs and community resources:

- Chinese Movie Nights
- Chinese Passport, Visa and Travel Services
- Fundraisers for Community Members in Need
- Iowa Chinese Language & Culture Academy
- Iowa Youth Leadership International (IYLI)
- Legal Seminars
- Seminars on Parenting, College Planning, and Tax Preparation
- The Annual Iowa Chinese Achievement Award
- The Annual Iowa Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival
- The Annual Iowa Chinese New Year Celebration
- The Annual Iowa Chinese New Year Poster Contest
- The Chinese Village at the Annual Asian Heritage Festival
- The Iowa-China Business Forum and China Business

Assistance Program:

- The Iowa Chinese Community Photography Contest
- The Iowa Chinese Job/Career Forum
- The Iowa Chinese Library at the Urbandale Public Library

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The 2012 Iowa Chinese Achievement Awards

Persons of the Year:

Rick and Martha Kimberly

Person of the Year is dedicated to celebrating individuals for their distinguished involvement in and contribution to the Iowa Chinese community.

Outstanding Contributor Award:

Consul General Guoqiang Yang

The Outstanding Contributor Award is dedicated to individuals and organizations that have made an extraordinary contribution to the State of Iowa and beyond.

Corporate Leadership Award:

Vermeer Corporation

The Corporate Leadership Award is dedicated to celebrating and recognizing corporations or individuals in the corporate sector who not only exemplify excellence in their profession but also demonstrate leadership and commitment in their respective communities; and to celebrating the existing corporate culture of diversity initiatives.

Community Leadership Award:

Lang Deng

The Community Leadership Award recognizes individuals and organizations whose leadership has made a significant impact on Iowa communities. The Community Leadership Awards showcase individual or organizational excellence in leadership as demonstrated by one's outstanding initiative, impact of work, and inspiration to others.

Community Business Award:

Mandarin Grill & Sushi Bar

The Community Business Awards is dedicated to companies that help tackle deprivation and create sustainable, dynamic and inclusive communities. It is also dedicated to individuals whose leadership and commitment to a sensible business model have resulted in changes and improvements within their own company, and have also inspired other organizations to emulate.

Leadership in Diversity Award:

Joseph Cassis, Doua Lor

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

Education Agency of the Year:

Norwalk School District

Education Agency of the Year is dedicated to the schools or school districts that have demonstrated exemplary practices or programs in one or more of the following areas:

- Curriculum development, staff development, or administrative practices to improve or provide more equitable educational opportunities for children and youth;
- Enhancement of communications within and among local school districts for ethnic groups;
- Promotion and development of state and regional delivery systems which bring about creative, efficient and effective education for diversity and international understanding.

Government Agency of the Year:

Dallas County

Government Agency of the Year is to recognize the extraordinary work of municipalities, county, and state agencies within the State of Iowa that have provided the highest level of leadership for projects and partnerships which raise the bar for possibilities; and to recognize the jurisdictions that provide a level of excellence, expertise and service in local government for all to emulate. These institutions have demonstrated exemplary practices or programs in one or more of the following areas:

- Unique achievements in the creation and implementation of exemplary governmental programs or projects and exceptional public sector contributions for diversity and international exchanges.
- Cooperative efforts between local governmental jurisdictions or bodies and private or non-profit organizations resulting in positive changes in the community.

Non-profit Organization of the Year:

Great Des Moines Partnership

Non-profit Organization of the Year is dedicated to recognizing nonprofit organizations committed to strategic planning and cultivating of local cultural, educational, business, and community developments.

Artists of the Year:

Zongheng Chen, Jianqiu Jiang, Sarah Xiaodi Sun, Siming Wang, Sunny Ri Xia

Artist of the Year is open to artists of all talents from beginner to professional and or youth to adults, and is dedicated to the volunteer professional artists who work with the Chinese Association of Iowa to creatively communicate their social messages through the expression of art.

Cultural Ambassador Award:

Minnesota Chinese Opera: Hong Fan, Charles Geng, Rachel Li, Steven Shen, Joan Shi, Junru Tang, Ling Wang, Lifang Yin, Meiqi Zhang, Jiaohua Zhou

China Group: Zhenwei Guo, Wei Han, Xiangxing Liu, Yisi Liu, Zihao Ma, Hua Tang, Congyi Wang, Han Wu, Qingyi Xiao, Yidu Xu, Zhaoxuan Yang

Cultural Ambassador of the Year is dedicated to an individual who has dedicated numerous hours of volunteer work, commitment, willingness, and has made a positive impact on the Iowa Chinese community cultural programs. This individual truly embodies the ambassador spirit through their actions and goodwill.

Volunteers of Year:

Jiayin Hu, Amy Larmie, Weimo Zhao, Fei Zhou

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

Youth Leadership Award:

Hang Yang

Youth Leadership Award is to honor extraordinary young people for their character and leadership. The award recognizes the youth who strives to be their personal best, to make a positive difference in their schools, youth groups, and communities, and to show outstanding qualities in the leadership of providing services.

Youth of the Year:

Yan Chan, Irene Cheung, Ian Fisher, Bellara Huang, Kere Keil, Mallory Murphy, Melanie Riordan, Ben Wade, Daniel Xu

Youth of the Year recognizes the young people who serve and make a difference in our community, they will be honored for their selfless acts and character development, which include the youths who are attending or have attended a high school or secondary school or equivalent in any other educational establishments.

The Past Iowa Chinese Achievement Award Honorees (2003-2011)

THE 2011 IOWA CHINESE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS HONOREES

The Outstanding Contributor Award
Former Lt. Governor Patty Judge

Persons of the Year
Rita McClain
Marlon Mueller

Leadership in Diversity Award
Former State Senator Patrick Deluhery
Dr. Phyllis Staplin

The Corporate Leadership Award
Principal Financial Group

The Community Leadership Award
Stan Lam

The Community Business Award
Mojos on 86th

Education Agency of the Year
AIB College of Business

Government Agency of the Year
City of West Des Moines

Non-profit Organization of the Year
Iowa Business Council

Family of the Year Award
The Thai Family of Tu Nguu Thai, Xing Jie Liao,
Lisa Thai, Andrew Thai, and Jenny Thai

Volunteers of the Year
Haotian Bai Han Ning
Xingqi Su Tian Sun
Meng Xu

Arts Achievement Award
Qian Xu
Ying Zhang

Artists of the Year
Shuling Cheng
Nina Liu

Cultural and Goodwill Ambassador of the Year
Ellen Brooks

Youth Leadership Award
Andrew Kok

Youth of the Year
Farah Karim Hashim
Gin Yushan Jiang
Cassandra Rose Merrell
Alice Shiyi Qi
Steven Shiyu Yang

THE 2010 IOWA CHINESE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS HONOREES

Dr. David Jiajian Wang Award for Humanity
Red Cross Central Iowa Chapter

The Outstanding Contributor Award
John Swanson

Persons of the Year
Ed and Margreet Van Ouwerkerk, Ames

Leadership in Diversity Award
Daryl Beall, State of Iowa Senator
Vicky Poole, Valley High School Principal

The Corporate Leadership Award
Iowa Realty

The Community Leadership Award
Kevin Koester
Community Education Director
Ankeny School Administration

Ko-Hsing Huang
International Student Coordinator
DMACC

The Media Leadership Award
David Ruzhao Cheng
China Tribune

The Community Business of the Year
Comfort Suites at Living History Farms, Urbandale

Education Agency of the Year
Iowa State University
International Students and Scholars Office

Government Agency of the Year
City of Ankeny

Non-profit Organization of the Year
Dr. David Wang Memorial
One Half Marathon Foundation

**The Asian American Achievement Award
for Women's Leadership**
Mary Xu, Chicago, Illinois

Family of the Year
Jim, Christin, Andrew, Chas, Peiton,
and Meilin Grant, Norwalk

Volunteers of the Year
Suresh Kumar
Lucy Li
David Chong Xu

THE 2009 IOWA CHINESE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS HONOREES

Dr. David Jiajian Wang Award for Humanity
Eric Idehen, Wells Fargo

The Outstanding Contributor Award
Flying Tigers
The American Volunteer Group (AVG)

Person of the Year
Cyndi Chen, Des Moines





The Corporate Leadership Award
Faegre & Benson LLP

The Media Leadership Award
Erin Kiernan, WHOTV

The Community Leadership Award
Will Zhang, Ankeny

The Community Business of the Year
C&L Company

Education Agency of the Year
Drake University
Chinese Cultural Exchange Program

Government Agency of the Year
Des Moines Police Department

Non-profit Organization of the Year
Iowa Council for International
Understanding

Volunteers of the Year
Bob Petersen, Des Moines
Jian Jin, Ames
Joy Tan, Johnston

Artist of the Year
Grace Yang, West Des Moines

Cultural Ambassador of the Year
Bethany Allison, Urbandale

Youth Leadership Award
Mary Feng, Johnston

Youth of the Year
Lisa Thai, Windsor Heights
Vanessa Au, West Des Moines
Jasmine Au, West Des Moines
Jessica Au, West Des Moines

**THE 2008 IOWA CHINESE ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS HONOREES**

Dr. David Jiajian Wang Award for Humanity
Kemin Industries

Lifetime Achievement Award
J. Michael Earley, Former President & CEO
Bankers Trust

Person of the Year
Ashley Xing Lan, West Des Moines

The Outstanding Contributor Award
Shawn Johnson, West Des Moines

The Corporate Leadership
RDG Planning & Design

The Media Leadership Award
China Tribune

The Community Leadership Award
Tim Meline, Iowa Realty

Community Business of the Year
Panda Garden, Ankeny

Education Agency of the Year
Des Moines Area Community College
(DMACC)

Government Agency of the Year
City of Des Moines

Non-profit Organization of the Year
Iowa Chinese Language School

Volunteers of the Year
Wai Cheng, West Des Moines
Tu Thai, Windsor Heights

Artist of the Year
Guolin Zhao, Rock Rapids

Cultural Ambassador of the Year
Don Walth, Eagle Claw Kung Fu
West Des Moines Community School District

Youth Leadership Award
Alice Yang, Valley High School

Youth of the Year
Alick Feng, Valley High School
Mary Feng, Johnston High School
Ty Hennings, Roosevelt High School
Kevin Hu, Johnston High School
Stenstone Huang, Pella High School
Steven Huang, Walter Payton
College, Pre-High School, Chicago
Allison Pestotnik, Valley High School
Yiming Qin, Johnston High School
David Xu, Roosevelt High School

**THE 2007 IOWA CHINESE ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS HONOREES**

Lifetime Achievement Award
R.W. Nelson, Chairman of the Board
Kemin Industries, Inc.

Person of the Year
Yongmei Zhou, West Des Moines

The Outstanding Contributor Award
Governor Gary Yafe Locke
the former Governor of Washington
Chow's Gymnastics & Dance Institute

The Corporate Leadership
Nationwide

The Media Leadership Award
Iowa Public Television (IPTV)

The Community Leadership Award
See Rodari, Vice President
Bankers Trust

Iowa State University Chinese Students/
Scholars Friendship Association

Community Business of the Year
Green Yoga House

Education Agency of the Year
Waukee Community School District

Government Agency of the Year
Iowa Department of Economic Development

Non-profit Organization of the Year
NAACP (National Association for
the Advancement of Colored People)
Des Moines branch

Family of the Year
The Wang Family (Ke Wang, Yingli Xu and
Dihao Wang), Urbandale

Volunteers of the Year
Feng Li, Urbandale
Lance Mascaro, Des Moines
Xiaomin Qian, Ames
Yang Xiang, Des Moines

Artist of the Year
Joesten Zhou, Johnston

Senior Citizen of the Year
Wayne Ellis Abuhl, Ankeny
Lianfang Xu, Johnston

Goodwill Ambassador of the Year
Lorna L. Davros
Executive Administrative Assistant to
the Mayor & Council

Youth of the Year
Jingjing Han, Valley High School
Katie Hennings, Johnston High School
Wan Wang, Des Moines Christian School
Kevin Shi, Johnston High School
Alice Xu, Valley High School

**THE CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF IOWA 20TH
ANNIVERSARY (1987-2007) AWARD HONOREES**

The Dr. David Jiajian Wang Award for Humanity
Governor Robert D. Ray
the former Governor of Iowa

David Lee Founder's Award
G. David Hurd, Emeritus Chairman
Principal Financial Group

International Business Leadership Award
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

Leadership in Diversity Award
Bankers Trust

Outstanding Media Award
The Des Moines Register

Chinese Community Contributor Award
Wei Du, West Des Moines
Grace Wang, Urbandale
Grace Yang, Des Moines

**THE 2006 IOWA CHINESE ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS HONOREES**

Person of the Year
Helen Lee, West Des Moines

Outstanding Contributor Award
Governor Thomas Vilsack
the former Governor of Iowa

The Corporate Leadership Award
Wells Fargo

Community Leadership Award
Hilda Wolle, West Des Moines

Educational Agency of the Year
Ankeny Community School District

Government Agency of the Year
Iowa Finance Authority

Non-profit Organization of the Year
Gift of Love International Adoptions, Inc.

Community Business of the Year
Community CPA and Associates, Inc

Volunteers of the Year
Jian Gong, Ames
Shannon Haus, Ankeny
Yong Huang, Des Moines
Binfang Li, Des Moines
Na Li, Ames

Goodwill Ambassador of the Year
Gil Caldwell III, Monroe

Family of the Year
The Ye Family (Tianxiang Ye, Jingwen Ming and Annie Ye), West Des Moines

Senior Citizens of the Year
Frank Affannato, Des Moines
Fuyi Qiao, West Des Moines
William Wei, Urbandale

Youth of the Year
Kimi Nelson, Dowling High School
Jean Xie, Ankeny High School
Kevin Zhou, Valley High School
Peige Zhou, Valley High School

THE 2005 IOWA CHINESE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS HONOREES

Lifetime Achievement Award
David Lee, Founder, Chinese Association of Iowa

Person of the Year
Hugh Lu, Johnston

The Corporate Leadership Award
Dean Oestreich, President
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

Family of the Year
The Hofferber Family (Fred, Barb, Leeann, Kerry, and Colin), Des Moines

Volunteers of the Year
Lei Dong, Ames
Scott Yinzhi Zhao, Johnston

Youth of the Year
Justin Guan, Valley High School
Hanna Wolle, Valley High School

THE 2004 IOWA CHINESE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS HONOREES

Person of the Year
Frank Zhang, West Des Moines

The Corporate Leadership Award
Bankers Trust

Volunteers of the Year
Yulan Shen, Ames
Grace Yang, Des Moines

Youth of the Year
Annie Ye, Valley High School

THE 2003 IOWA CHINESE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS HONOREES

Persons of the Year
Jianlin Zhai and Xiaoyan Shen
West Des Moines

Become a Member!

Visit the Chinese Association of Iowa's website at iowachinese.org and click on Membership to complete the membership form.

Membership Fees

Individual:	\$10/Annual	\$200/Lifetime
Family:	\$25/Annual	\$500/Lifetime
Non-profits:	\$50/Annual	\$1,000/Lifetime
Business:	\$100/Annual	\$2,000/Lifetime

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