



# DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

## 2027 NOMINATION FORM

The INA Distinguished Service Award is presented each year at the association's annual convention to the individual(s) in the state who, in the opinion of the selection committee, best meet(s) the following criteria:

1. The nominee must be an employee or former employee of or contributor to an Iowa newspaper or associated with a university, college or newspaper association having close ties with Iowa newspapers;
2. The nominee shall have contributed greatly to his or her newspaper, and/or to his or her community and or the newspaper industry in general;
3. Longevity should have little effect on the nominee's qualifications;
4. Individuals who have received the INA's Master Editor-Publisher award are not eligible to win the Distinguished Service Award.

I nominate the following individual for consideration by the selection committee to receive the INA Distinguished Service Award:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Newspaper: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include all relevant support materials.

This award is open to all members of the newspaper staff! Potential candidates might be advertising directors, circulation managers, back shop superintendents and press operators, as well as news and sports editors, publishers and business managers.

The award is one of the most prestigious awards given to newspaper professionals in Iowa. The selection committee of past recipients is instructed to be very demanding. The award(s) will be presented at the Past Presidents' Luncheon during the INA Convention on February 4, 2027.

Nominations not selected will also be considered in 2027 and 2028. Some people may have been nominated for this award in the past but did not receive it due to a lack of information about the nominee. Nominators should feel free to re-nominate such individuals and include more details about their qualifications.

Contributions should be over a period of time and all three areas (newspaper, community and industry) are considered.

### **A complete nomination will include the following:**

- A letter of support from the nominator
- Basic resume of the nominee's service to the newspaper and the community
- Additional letters of support from community members, co-workers or others
- Other materials that support the nominee's application

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION: JULY 31, 2026**

**Mail to:** Iowa Newspaper Association, Attn: Jana Shepherd, 319 East 5th Street, Des Moines, IA 50309 | **Email to:** jshepherd@inanews.com

# DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD WINNERS

## 1982

Frank Nye, Cedar Rapids Gazette  
Matt Lawrence, Ottumwa Courier  
Paul Norris, Marshalltown Times-Republican

## 1984

Donald Lundgren, Clinton Herald  
Les Moeller, Iowa City Daily Iowan  
Al Efner, Ottumwa Courier

## 1985

J. Burl Tiedemann, Adel Dallas County News  
Harry Mauck Jr., Council Bluffs Nonpareil  
Esther Williams, Vinton Cedar Valley Daily Times

## 1986

John McCormally, Burlington Hawk Eye  
Harold Roberts, Creston News Advertiser  
Max Maxon, Webster City Freeman Journal

## 1987

Frederick Simpson, Atlantic News-Telegraph  
Bill Kunerth, Iowa State University  
Harold Bailey, Perry Chief

## 1988

Hollis Nordyke, Ames Tribune  
L. Jay Smith, Fort Dodge Messenger  
Jackson Baty, University of Northern Iowa

## 1989

David Kruidenier, Des Moines Register  
Herb Strentz, Drake University  
Lois Jacobs, Marshalltown Times-Republican  
Cal Olson, Sioux City Journal

## 1990

Genevieve Mauck Stoufer, Council Bluffs  
Rick Morain, Jefferson Herald  
Rosalie Johnson, Eldridge North Scott Press  
Helen Zogg, Eldridge North Scott Press

## 1991

Dale Kueter, Cedar Rapids Gazette  
Oline Stigers, Cedar Rapids Gazette  
Harrison "Skip" Weber, INA  
Ron Slechta, Tama News-Herald

## 1992

Robert Woodward, Drake University  
Phyllis Fleming, Cedar Rapids Gazette  
William Zima, University of Iowa

## 1993

Larry Johnson, Fort Dodge Messenger  
Al Pinder, Grinnell Herald-Register  
Carolyn Cole Gage, Villisca Review

## 1994

Beth Dalbey, Adel Dallas County News  
Ken Robinson, Bayard News-Gazette  
Brian Cooper, Dubuque Telegraph Herald  
Jerry Moriarity, Mason City Globe-Gazette

## 1995

Bill Mertens, Burlington Hawk Eye  
Richard Goughnour, Mediapolis News  
Joe Roth, Hampton Newspapers  
David Johnson, West Branch Times

## 1996

Dave Paxton, Albia Newspapers  
Mary Lou Hinrichsen, DeWitt Observer  
Shirley Omer, Primghar O'Brien Co. Bell

## 1997

Mark Bowden, Cedar Rapids Gazette  
Harold Aardema, Doon Press

Margaret VanderWeerd, Sully Diamond Trail  
News

Gene Bloom, Woodbine Twiner (posthumous)

## 1998

Marni Mellen, Fairfield Daily Ledger  
Jay Mohr, Sibley Osceola Co. Gazette Tribune  
(posthumous)

Tom Johnson, Waukon Standard  
Merle Kent Shawd, Woodward NE Dallas Co. Record

## 1999

Gary Spurgeon, Bloomfield Democrat  
James Flansburg, Des Moines Register  
Tom Emmerson, Iowa State University  
Jack Marlowe, Maquoketa Sentinel Press

## 2000

Dave Storey, Cedar Rapids Gazette  
LeAnn Pisarik, Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun  
Dr. Kenneth Starck, University of Iowa

## 2001

Jack Crook, Knoxville Journal-Express  
Barb Lyon, Mapleton Press  
Jim Magdefrau, Newspapers of Benton Co.

## 2002

Paul Gauthier, Corning-Adams Co. Free Press  
Jay P. Wagner, Des Moines Business Record  
Gil Cranberg, Des Moines Register  
George Mills, Des Moines Register

## 2003

Michael Gartner, Des Moines  
Walt Stevens, Fort Dodge Messenger  
Bill Casey, Iowa City Daily Iowan  
Edward "Mike" Lyon, Mapleton Press

## 2004

Don Magdefrau, Belle Plaine Union  
Tom Yunt, Dubuque Telegraph Herald  
Amy Duncan, Indianola Record-Herald & Tribune  
Karen Young, Seymour Herald

## 2005

Mark Wicks, Charles City Press  
Connie White, Creston News Advertiser  
Drake Mabry, Des Moines Register / Ames Tribune  
Gary Alban, Ogden Reporter

## 2006

Ron Schuety, Altoona Herald-Mitchellville Index  
Randy Evans, Des Moines Register  
LeAnn Larson, West Union Fayette County Union

## 2007

Bob Andersen, Elkader Clayton County Register  
Wayne Davis, Seymour Herald

## 2008

Terry Wilson, Davenport Quad-City Times  
Bill Wundram, Davenport Quad-City Times  
Bill Tubbs, Eldridge North Scott Press  
Sharon Alban, Ogden Reporter

## 2009

Mary Rueter, DeWitt Observer  
Jo Martin, Iowa Falls Times-Citizen  
Jay Luther, Iowa Falls Times-Citizen

## 2010

Jim Normandin, Dubuque Telegraph Herald  
Alan Mores, Harlan Newspapers  
Jeff Grant, Sheldon N'West Iowa Review

## 2011

Bill Monroe, Iowa Newspaper Association

## 2012

Chuck Offenburger, Des Moines Register  
Kathleen Richardson, Drake University  
Norma Thurman, Stuart Herald

## 2013

Barbara Mack, Iowa State University (posthumous)  
Max Heath, National Newspaper Association  
Keith Luchtel, Nyemaster Goode  
Stuart Clark, Tipton Conservative

## 2014

Bill Rediger, Dyersville Commercial  
Irene Wilcox, Madrid Register-News  
Connie Wagner, Sheldon N'West Iowa Review

## 2015

Rox Laird, Des Moines Register  
Larry Peterson, Creston News Advertiser  
Michael Giudicessi, Faegre Baker Daniels

## 2016

Bruce Binning, Denison Bulletin & Review  
Chris Mudge, Iowa Newspaper Association  
Vicky Decker, Seymour Herald

## 2017

Michael Bugeja, Iowa State University  
Deb Geisler, Jefferson Herald  
Doug Melvold, Maquoketa Sentinel-Press  
Scott Sundstrom, (former) INA lobbyist

## 2018

Scott Spurgeon, Bloomfield Democrat  
Don Dauterive, Iowa Falls Times Citizen

## 2019

Dorine Peterson, Creston News  
Perry Bell, Knoxville Journal Express  
Nick Workman, Ottumwa Courier

## 2020

Nancy Steburg, Kossuth County Advance  
Mark Witherspoon, Iowa State Daily

## 2022

Steve Plain, Marshalltown Times-Republican

## 2023

Lyle Muller  
Mark Ridolfi, Eldridge North Scott Press

## 2024

Mary Sharp, Cedar Rapids Gazette

## 2025

Mark Davitt, Indianola  
Corey Lindsey, Leon  
Susan Patterson Plank, Gannett

## 2026

Barb Arland-Fye, Davenport Catholic  
Messenger