



HISTORY OF BIAC AWARD RECIPIENTS

Sarah Raskin Advocacy (*re-named in 2023*):

2023 Sarah Raskin
2018 Melinda Montovani
2017 Corinne Crane and Stacey Eldredge
2008 Richard Gramse (nominated by Kennedy Center)
2007 Representative Linda Schofield
2006 Keith Arnold
2005 WeCAHR
2004 Robert Board
2003 Pedro Jimenez
2002 Billye Simmers
2001 Protection & Advocacy
2000 David Evans
1999 Attorneys for Class Action Suite-David Shaw, Etc.
1996 Connecticut's 5 Independent Living Centers
1995 Hospital for Special Care
1994 Lauri DiGalbo
1993 Datahr

Brain Injury Service

2020 Kelly Stein, Ability Beyond

Catherine Bontke Memorial (called Professional Award previous to 1999):

2020 Garry Lapidus
2018 Tracey Sondik, Psy.D.
2016 Anthony Alessi, MD
2009 Mark McCarthy
2006 Sarah Raskin
2002 David Fiengold
2000 Linda Mackay, Bill Padula
1999 James Pier, PhD
1996 Kathryn Corcoran
1994 Jan Moen, PhD (neuropsychologist Datahr)
1993 Anthony Morgan

Community Service

2017 Katie Ellis
2014 Michael Jennings
2013 Kris Sortwell
2011 Staples, Inc.
1999 Douglas Filatti
1996 WDRC AM & FM

- 1995 Karen Lamy
- 1994 UCONN School of Medicine/Community Based Education and Drew Covell
- 1993 Somers Congregational Church
- 1992 Life Star

Education & Prevention:

- 2023 Davine Lynnette Manson
- 2019 Katherine Price Snedaker, PinkConcussions
- 2017 William McEwen
- 2014 Gaylord Specialty Healthcare Center for Concussion Care
- 2009 Dan Bannish and Lynn Neff, DOC
- 2007 Barbara Nadeau
- 2005 John Stanwood
- 2003 Connecticut SAFE KIDS Coalition
- 2002 John Thompson
- 2001 Su Stanton
- 2000 Walt & Pam Valites

Media Awards

- 2017 Renee DiNino, IHeart Radio
- 2013 David Armstrong, Bloomberg News
- 2008 Brad Davis- 1360 AM Radio
- 2007 CBS Radio- Alison Demers, Ray Dunaway & Diane Smith
- 1999 Norwich Bulletin received award
- 1988-1995--Various newspaper, radio and TV stations were given awards

Partnership:

- 2023 DMHAS ABI Services
- 2020 Yale New Haven Health/Yale BeaTBI
- 2019 Gaylord Specialty Healthcare
- 2018 Tony Sheffy
- 2017 Trinity College
- 2016 Frontier Communications Employees' Services Fund-Headquarters Region
- 2015 Project Genesis
- 2014 CzepigaDalyPope
- 2013 Silver Golub & Teitell LLP
- 2011 David Drezek-Guida's Milk
- 2010 Koskoff, Koskoff & Bieder
- 2009 Farmington Savings Bank
- 2008 Hoffman Auto Group
- 2007 Tyler Cooper
- 2005 United Steel
- 2004 Werth Family Foundation
- 2003 Somers Congregational Church
- 2002 Mike Guida
- 2001 Day, Berry & Howard; Gaylord
- 2000 Koskoff, Koskoff, Bieder

Public Policy

2016 Senator Beth Bye
2015 Parents Concussion Coalition, Senator Dante Bartolomeo & Rep. Diana Urban
2014 Representative Catherine Abercrombie
2013 Senator Toni Harp and Representative Toni Walker
2010 Senators Martin Looney and Thomas Gaffey
2008 Representative John Geragosian
2007 Representative Denise Merrill
2006 Stan Kosloski
2004 Representative Jacqueline Cocco
2002 John Thompson
2001 Mary Ellen Kampfman
2000 Rep. Lenny Winkler
1999 Rep. John Thompson
1996 Senator William Aniskovich
1995 State Rep John Thompson
1994 Rep. Lenny Winkler
1993 Senator Michael Meotti

Volunteer of the Year Award:

2023 Scott Moore and Gino LoRizzo
2020 Sara Lourie, Nicole Spencer
2019 J. Dennis Johnston
2018 Rayna Segelman and Marissa Stein
2016 Tom Schuck and Trinity College Neuroscience Students
2015 Dorota Glosowitz & Jill Eller
2014 Nikki & Scott Moore
2013 Kate Morse and Pradeep Ramanathan
2011 John Fitzgerald and Joy Morse
2010 Joseph Damon and Harley Graime
2008 Suzanne Denucce
2007 Heather Waitt
2006 Michael Jennings
2005 Nancy Ryan
2004 Rocco Labbadia
2002 Sue Rhode
2001 Charley Lyons
2000 Irv Cote

Ayers Distinguished Service (on the board of directors, determine by board)

2019 Sarah Raskin
2018 Greg Bubnash
2017 Maryann McGuire
2016 Wendy Borawski
2015 Brian Waddell
2014 James Healey, Jr.
2010 Sharon Pope
2009 Philip Nemphos
2008 Richard Shechtman
2006 Lauri DiGalbo

2004 David Bush
2003 Charles Lyons
2002 Michael Stratton
2001 Ron Schlossburg
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1999 Sean Parker
1996 Mary Bayer Doidge; J. Dennis Johnston
1994 Robert Board; Joseph Derby
1993 Ken and Robin Tousey Ayers
1992 Roberta Brooks (called Board Appreciation Award)

President's Awards - determined by the BIAC Board of Directors. *Highest award of the agency*

2020 Koskoff, Koskoff & Beider
2019 United Steel
2013 Stephen D. Sarfaty
2011 Paul Slager
2010 Sage Cochran
2009 David Bush
2008 Elaine Burns
2007 Charles Lyons
2003 Drew & Terri Covell
2002 Alice Holloway
2001 Billye Simmers
2000 Lauri DiGalbo
1999 Linda Detelich
1996 Julie Arciola
1995 Susan Green
1994 Carol & Fred Lataif
1993 Barbara & John DelBuono
1992 Mary Horan

Advocate of the Year

2011 Joe & Vicki Bonitatebus
2009 William McEwen

Special Recognition

2009 Laurie and Jamie Cassada- *Distinguished Service to BIAC*
2007 Ken Dale Jr.- *Distinguished Service to BIAC*
2006 Mort Romano (*for service as a Community Advocate*)
2005 Ken Dale Jr., Barbara Nadeau, Julie Peters (*certificate awarded for work in Oxford*)
2004 Lobbyists David Evans, Paula Clarke, Jay Malcynsky (*for work on PA-0499*)
1996 Wollenberg, Scully & Nicksa
1995 Gordon Bonetti Florist
1994 Bernard Zahren, Brad Davis, Margaret Brillante
1993 Bessie Bates, Peter Clark, Alice Kelly, Sharon O'Neill
1992 John Hansen, Representative Robert Bogue

Support Group Leaders

12-16, 23 Awarded certificates at VD/Spring Social with all volunteers
90,91,99,03-05 Certificate of Appreciation at awards ceremony