

MWEA Awards

Antenore C. “Butch” Davanzo Scholarship

Awarded to a Michigan student who is enrolled in a degree program in engineering, public health, or the natural sciences who intends to pursue a career in the water environment field.

2016 Alaina Nunn, Michigan State University
2015 Samayyah Williams, University of Michigan
2014 Larry Doan, Delta College
2013 Tyler Meyer, Lake Superior State University
2012 Robert Verbeek, Delta College
2011 Brian Warren, Bay College
2010 Mark Poll, U of M
2008 Gridhar Upadhyaya, U of M
2005 Justin VanderBerg, MSU

Collection Systems Professional of the Year

Awarded to a worthy individual who, working on a day-to-day basis in collections, displaying remarkable dedication to his or her employer and to the MWEA, excelling professionally and publicly promoting the wastewater treatment profession.

2018 Lori Lloyd
2017 Kyle Curie
2016 Deann Falkowski
2015 Carl Perkins
2014 Vincent Astorino
2013 Jeff Brown
2012 Harry Price
2011 Scott Roselle
2010 Bill Harriman
2008 William Shaffer
2007 Keith McCormack
2006 Jerome Lica
2005 Jack Keys
2004 Paul Blakeslee
2003 Craig Hupy

Craig Kelman & Associates Scholarship

Awarded to a graduating high school senior who is a relative of a WEF or MWEA member still working in the profession.

2018 Ashleigh Blom, Davenport University
2017 Jessica Oostindie, Grand Valley State University
2016 Jonathan Ni, University of Pennsylvania
2015 Alyssa Wagenmaker, University of Michigan
2014 Joseph Kenzie, Detroit Catholic Central

Dale & Lynn Bentley Memorial Scholarship

The highest honor given by the MWEA and awarded to a person of chief prominence in the water environment field.

2018 Christine Wood, Michigan Technological University

Dan Wolz Clean Water Award for Environmental Excellence

The highest honor given by the MWEA and awarded to a person of chief prominence in the water environment field.

2018 Brian Ross
2017 Keith McCormack
2016 Christine Kosmowski
2015 Bob Scheuerman
2014 Cheryl Vosburg
2013 Fred Eyer
2012 Paul Freedman
2011 Jeanette Best
2010 Gary DeKock
2009 Fred Cowles
2008 Corky Overmyer

Donald M. Pierce Award

Recognizes a worthy individual who has demonstrated outstanding performance in a municipal facility.

2018 Deborah Pellow	2003 Rick Mahoney	1989 Robert H. Jacks
2017 David Monette	2002 Brian Ross	1988 Tim Stallcup
2016 William Bade	2001 Bruce Kempainen	1987 Rich L. Mohr
2015 Paul Stokes	2000 Jeanette M. Best	1986 Lloyd Keubler
2014 Tom MacKenzie	1999 John W. Curth	1985 William R. Gramlich
2013 Sherrie Elliott	1998 Brad Roberts	1984 Donald D. Rennie
2012 Duane Dressler	1997 Earl J. Kenzie	1983 Leno Alexander
2011 William Kaiser	1996 Bradley Sprague	1982 Williard L. Morley
2009 Richard Bigham	1995 James R. Atkins	1981 James Cox
2008 Steven Washburn	1994 Donald Grady	1980 Wayne Kenyon
2007 Scott Blair	1993 Larry Campbell	1979 Robert Matchett
2006 Jerry Seay	1992 Edwin Lawrence	1978 Leon Veldhuis
2005 Dan Wolz	1991 John Beebe	1977 Jack Marcus
2004 Joe Goergen	1990 Royce R. Deline	

Educational Professional of the Year Award (previous Public Education Award)

2018 Independence Township DPW
2017 Donald Carpenter
2016 Cindy Taylor
2015 Sandra Buchner
2014 Angella Breitenbeck
2013 Michele Arquette
2012 DWSD Work Group
2011 Mary Jane Robinson
2010 Bindu Bhakta
2009 Bob Martin
2008 Christine Spitzley
2007 Mackenzie Davis; Jerry Harte
2006 Ken Zarzecki
2004 George Kapp
2003 Dan Wolz

Excellence in Service Award

Presented to acknowledge extraordinary personal service to the Association. This award will be presented annually to a member of the Association who is not involved in a leadership role but who has been very active behind the scenes.

2018 Peter Cavagnaro
2017 Gary Timmer
2016 Dave Connors
2015 Steve Aiken
2014 Ken Colston
2013 Kip Koszewski
2012 Mary Lenardson
2011 Bill Gramlich

2010 Chuck Peterson
2009 Tom Larder
2008 Wayne Kukuk
2007 Laura Gruzowski
2006 Larry Woodard
2005 Amanda Robins
2004 Corky Overmyer
2003 James Ridgway

2002 Christine Kosmowski
2001 Daniel R. Myers
2000 George B. Davis
1999 Gregory J. Burk
1998 Stephen J. Mahoney
1997 Donald Stypula
1996 Thomas A. Kmet
1995 Robert DeLong
1994 R. Scott Gugino

Executive Director Award

Presented to acknowledge extraordinary personal service to the Association.

2018 David Connors
2017 Jim King, Larry Woodard
2016 Keith McCormack
2015 Catherine Garnham

Groundwater Management Professional of the Year

Awarded to recognize an individual in their efforts in promoting activities and professionalism in sound ground water management practices.

2016 Joel Annable
2015 Brian Rice
2014 Mike Wetzel & Sue Foune
2013 Ruth Kline-Robach
2012 Kelly Hon
2011 Christine Kosmowski
2010 Don Greiner

2009 Cheryl Vosburg
2008 John Paquin
2007 Jim Brode
2006 Greg Foote
2004 Michael Dybas
2003 Wayne Kukuk

Health & Safety Professional of the Year

Awarded to a worthy individual who working on a day-to-day basis in Health & Safety, demonstrating outstanding dedication to his or her employer and to the MWEA, has excelling professionally, and has publicly promoting the Health & Safety Professions.

2017 David Thibeault
2016 Meghana Kamath
2015 Hugo Cardenas
2014 William Briggs
2013 Dave Maloney
2012 Steve Barnard
2011 Marion "Mac" McLemore
2010 Robert Burditt
2009 Joe Keefe
2008 Scott Robinson
2007 Gary Timmer
2006 Craig J. Galecka
2005 Michael Ringelberg
2004 Tom Kmet
2003 Larry Woodard

Health & Safety Award-Industrial

In recognition of the commitment to health and safety in an industrial wastewater treatment facility, as evidenced by an effective, well established and documented Health & Safety Program.

2015 Martin Controls
2014 Severn Trent
2013 Severn Trent
2011 L3 Communications CPS, Operated by United Water
2010 L3 Communications CPS, Operated by United Water
2009 Alcoa/Howmet WWTP #10 Operated by United Water
2008 Allied Paper
2007 Packerland Packing of Plainwell
2006 LaFarge North America – Alpena Plant
2005 Environmental Management Corporation
2004 ProAct Services
2003 Mead Johnson Nutritionals

Health & Safety Award-Municipal

In recognition of the commitment to health and safety in a municipal wastewater treatment facility, as evidenced by an effective, well established and documented Health & Safety Program.

2018 Holland WRF (Large), Butman Township (Small)
2017 Linden WRRF (Large), SUEZ City of Wixom (Small)
2015 Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (Large), Gross Ile (small)
2014 Anthony Ragnone (Large); United Water Wixom (Small)
2013 Linden WWTP (Large); Waterford Dept. of Public Works (Small)
2012 Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (Large), Lowell WWTP, operated by United Water (Small)
2011 City of Kalamazoo (Large Municipal), Waterford Township (Small Municipal)
2010 Western Townships Utility Authority/CH2M Hill-OMI
2009 Benton Harbor-St. Joseph WWTP (Large Municipal), Ishpeming Area Joint WWTP (Small Municipal)
2008 Grosse Ile Township WWTP
2007 Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority
2006 City of Clare WWTP
2005 City of Wyoming
2004 Traverse City WWTP/OMI, Inc.
2003 Lowell as managed by Earth Tech

Honorary Members

Shall be awarded to persons of acknowledged eminence in one or more fields of activity within the scope of the stated objectives of the Association or the Federation and who made exceptional contributions to the Association and Federation.

2018 Jim King, Mike Lunn
2017 George Davis, Christine Kosmowski
2016 Tim Lynch
2015 Gary DeKock, Cheryl Vosburg
2014 Joe Goergen
2013 Todd Wibright
2012 Larry Woodard
2011 Keith McCormack
2010 Chuck Kronk, Tad Slawecki
2008 Jimmy Spangler
2006 William Gramlich; Curt Christeson
2005 Steve Aiken
2004 Bob Schuerman, Dan Wolz, Steve Young
2002 Fred E. Cowles
2001 Allyn M. Ernst; George Hubbell
2000 Thomas C. Hoogerhyde
1999 Paul L. Freedman
1998 Barry E. Simescu

1996 Jeanette M. Best
1995 Harry W. Bierig
1994 Cortland Overmyer; Phillip Gerwert
1993 Frederick T. Eyer
1992 Paul Blakeslee
1991 Jim D. Anderson; Daryle R. Smith
1990 Antenore “Butch” Davanzo; Stuart Vaughn
1988 John J. Gannon; Gerald L. Herriman
1987 Wallace J. Benzie; John W. Matz
1986 William Stonebrook; Doris Van Dam
1985 Gerald E. Calhoun; James W. Hubbell
1984 Glenn Folk; John C. Seeley
1983 John P. Hennessey; Robert F. Kileen
1982 Robert Peterson; Arthur Maass
1981 Norman Napier; Joseph Ball
1979 Ralph Garno; Ralph Purdy; A.L. Wilcox
1978 Jack Borchardt; Mike Groen
1977 Jack Frost; Leonard Pratt

1976 Arthur Corcoran; Stanley Mogelnicki
1975 Clair Johnson; Harold M. Leonhard
1973 George E. Hubbell; Jack E. Cooper
1972 Leonard Hillis; Robert A. Greene
1971 Earnest Boyce
1970 Donald M. Pierce; E. Huntley DeLano
1969 Clark W. Hathaway; Clarence J. Velz

1968 Loring F. Oeming; Thomas C. Powers
1967 Harland P. Dodge; Harry G Potts; George F. Wyllie
1966 Naseeb G. DaMoose Walter J. Mallman; Arthur B. Morill
1965 Milton P. Adams; Clarence T. Mudgett; Willard F. Shepard

Industrial Wastewater Treatment Professional of the Year

Awarded to an operator of an industrial wastewater system who, working on a day-to-day basis in operations, has displayed remarkable dedication to his or her employer and to the MWEA, excelled professionally, and publicly promoted the profession of industrial wastewater treatment.

2017 David Kulju
2014 Kate Mowbray
2013 Ken Weber
2012 Dave Oostindie
2011 Michael Ringelberg
2009 David Filipiak

IPP Industrial Environmental Stewardship

To acknowledge exemplary commitment to environmental stewardship.

2014 Joan Gauthier
2013 CertainTeed Corporation

IPP Professional of the Year

Awarded to an worthy individual who, working on a day-to-day basis in the Industrial Pretreatment Program, displaying remarkable dedication to his or her employer and to the MWEA, excelling professionally, and publicly promoting the wastewater treatment profession.

2018 Eric Imbault
2017 Elaine Venema
2016 Carol Injasoulian
2015 Mark Houle
2014 Allen Bryant
2013 Kurt Anderson
2012 Aaron Vis
2011 Daveda Quinn-Shelton
2010 Myron Erickson
2009 Perry Thomas
2008 Michael Andrews
2007 Lisa Milton
2006 Jerald Thaler
2004 Walter Syrkowski
2003 Jack Keys

Jack H. Wagner Scholarship

Awarded to a Michigan student who is enrolled in a degree program in engineering, public health, or the natural sciences who intends to pursue a career in the water environment field.

2018 Jessica Hauda, Michigan State University
2017 Daymond Grifka, Delta College
2016 Mina Kukuk, Michigan Technological University
2015 Sadie DeJonghe, Ferris State University
2014 Tyler Meyer, Lake Superior State University
2013 Jonathan Wagenknecht, University of Michigan
2012 Nadine Kotlars, University of Michigan
2011 Andrea Trese, University of Michigan

2010 Sherri Cook
2008 Valerie Fuchs, Michigan Tech
2007 Janee Kronk, University of Michigan
2006 Mary-Cathrine Leewis, Northern Michigan University
2005 Carlos Sanlley, Michigan State University
2003 Scott Mulinix

James R. Rumsey Award

Recognizes the best paper present at the preceding year's annual meeting of either the Association or the Federation or published in the journal during the preceding year

2018 Peter Cavagnaro, Chris Conn, Brian Hannon
2017 Sue McCormick
2016 Mark Prein and Nate Ver Heul
2015 Mike Lunn
2014 Bob Martin and John Patry
2013 Mark Prein
2012 Christine Kosmowski and Cheryl Vosburg
2011 Thomas DeLaura
2010 Joe Hebert
2008 Allen Gelderloos
2007 Pete Daukss, Mike Lunn
2006 Steven Casey
2005 Bill Brunner, Genes Jones, Linley Mincy, Brian Ross
2002 Jeff Johnston; Gary DeKock
2001 Tad Slawecki
2000 Curt A. Christeson
1999 Reginald Sobczynski
1998 Lynne Christeson; Daniel W. Mitchell
1997 Craig S. Smith
1996 Philip R. Lawrence
1995 Victor J. Bierman, Jr.; David W. Dilks; Katherine M. Feist; Paul L. Freedman; Tom Heidtke; Paul W. Rodgers
1994 Paul Harvath; Gary DeKock
1993 Thomas C. Hoogerhyde
1992 Bruce E. Merchant
1991 Frederick M. Oeveren
1990 Ralph J. Berner; Lucy B. Pugh; Kevin Stevens
1989 Lynette Gibson; Rogelio Hernandez; Penelope Jones; Jane C. Jones; Albert Lindell; Nathan Turner
1988 James W. Hubbell; Stuart H. Vaughn
1987 S. Joh Kang; Lucy Pugh; Jimmy L. Spangler
1986 Kamesh Gupta; Ronald G. Pordon; George L. Sukes
1983 Raymond P. Canale; Martin T. Auer; Yuzuru Matsuoka; Thomas M. Heidtke; Steven J. Wright
1980 Dan O'Neill
1979 John R. Suffron
1977 Larry Martin
1975 Walter Weber
1972 William Turney
1971 Darrel Suhre
1970 George Roth
1969 Robert Courchaine
1967 George Hubbell
1966 Brian Goodman; C. Preston Witcher
1965 Charles Priesing
1963 Wallace Benzie; Herb Larkin; Allan Moore
1962 Jack Borchardt
1961 John Gannon; Clarence Velz
1957 Doris Voshel

John P. Hennessey Scholarship

Awarded to a Michigan student who is enrolled in a degree program in engineering, public health, or the natural sciences who intends to pursue a career in the water environment field.

2018 Mina Kukuk, Michigan Technological University
2017 Adam Smith, Western Michigan University
2015 Mina Kukuk, Michigan Technological University
2014 Jeseth Delgado Vela, University of Michigan
2013 Anton Dapcic, University of Michigan
2012 Kimberly Wahl, Baker College
2011 Lauren Stadler, University of Michigan
2010 Adam Smith, University of Michigan
2008 Elodie Pasco, Michigan State University
2007 Kent McCord; Northern Michigan University
2006 Corey Larson, Bay de Noc College
2005 Nicole White, Northern Michigan University

Loring F. Oeming Award

Recognizes a worthy individual who has demonstrated outstanding performance in and industrial facility.

2018 James Parkhurst
2017 Walker Modic
2014 Don Row
2010 Cheryl Chisholm
2008 Elizabeth Lawson
2006 Dale Hill
2002 Donald Lemley
2001 Michael Lowe
2000 Jeffrey Naumoff
1999 Craig MacKey
1998 Russ Smother
1996 Lou Kerr
1994 Sandy Zurawski
1993 John Reid
1992 Ronald G. Pordon
1991 Jeffrey R. Bartholomy
1990 Michael Boozer
1989 John Barszewski
1988 Paul J. Formolo
1987 Brian J. Ross
1986 Gerald Kadwell
1985 James J. Cook
1984 U.G. (Les) Stoeffler
1983 Harold Bailey, Jr.
1982 Joseph Chadderton
1981 Carl N. Danielson

Maintenance Professional of the Year

Awarded to a worthy individual who, working on a day-to-day basis in maintenance, has displayed remarkable dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, excelled professionally, and publicly promoted the wastewater treatment profession.

2018 Roger DeYoung
2017 Ryan Stetler
2016 Mark Fowler
2015 Derrick Teegarden
2014 Chad Snyder

2013 Scott Schoolcraft
2012 Wendell Arney
2011 Harry C. Farley
2010 Jerome Livernois
2008 Freeman Adkins
2007 Raymond Dufek
2006 Tim Stachlewitz
2005 Kevin Dupuis
2004 Leonard Casey
2003 Ansell Noel

New Professional of the Year (previously Young Professionals)

Awarded to recognize outstanding dedication and commitment to the objectives of the Association by an individual who is relatively new to the water environment field.

2018 Erin Szczegielniak
2017 Adam DeYoung
2016 Michelle LaRose
2015 Lorene Bruns
2014 Megan Krieger
2013 Gareth Ross
2012 Josh Redner
2011 Brian Hannon
2010 Jennifer Zelski
2009 Laura Gruzowski
2007 Nicole Selais
2006 James Flamming
2005 Kari Konyndyk
2004 Mark Hurley
2003 Scott DeVries

Operations Professional of the Year

Awarded to an operator of a municipal wastewater treatment plant, working on a day-to-day basis in operations, displaying remarkable dedication to his or her employer and to the MWEA, excelling professionally, consistently generated good quality effluent, and publicly promoting the profession of the wastewater treatment plant operator.

2018 Sierra Brown
2017 Mark Houle
2016 John Palmer
2015 David Miller
2014 Michael Boven
2013 Mark Mundt
2012 Keith Moss
2011 Patrick Rivera
2010 Jeff Rewerts
2009 Don Hartman
2008 Douglas Koss
2007 Charles Mann
2004 Tim O'Neill
2003 Brian Gifford

Outstanding Environmental Consultant

For demonstrating outstanding dedication to his or her employer and to the MWEA, excelling professionally, and publicly promoting the wastewater environment profession.

2018 Jack Rafter
2017 Brian Hannon
2016 Jeff Pugh
2015 Mike Harvey
2014 Ali Khraizat
2013 Wendy Ogilvie
2012 John Racek
2011 Nicole Spieles
2010 Mark Prein
2008 Dave Vago
2007 Ish Naik
2006 Dan Christian
2005 Curt Christeson
2004 Paul Freedman

Outstanding Environmental Engineer/Engineer in the Field

For demonstrating outstanding dedication to his or her employer and to the MWEA, excelling professionally, and publicly promoting the wastewater environment profession.

2018 Jerald O. Thaler
2017 Dr. Evangelina Belia
2016 Dennis Benoit
2015 Ted Erickson
2014 Brian Hannon
2013 Trevor Wagenmaker
2012 Rich Grant
2011 Tim Sullivan
2010 Tom DeLaura
2008 John Porter
2007 Grant Gartrell
2006 Jack Rafter
2005 Tom Larder
2004 Jim Scholl

Outstanding Vendor Support

For demonstrating outstanding dedication to his or her employer and to the MWEA, excelling professionally, and publicly promoting the wastewater environment profession.

2018 Joseph Moore
2017 Dave Connors
2016 Eric Schiebold
2015 Scott Kafka
2014 Glenn Hummel
2013 Matt Prosoli
2012 Jennifer Zelski, Kennedy Industries
2011 Chuck Bugeja, Joey Maruskin, Sean Maruskin, Tony Pitoniak – JGM Valve Corp.
2010 Jeff Grames
2009 Barry Simescu / Jim Cooper
2008 Jayne Rauch
2007 Chuck Kronk
2006 Randy Hamlett
2005 Kevin Livingston
2004 Greg Burk

PK Sarda Lab Professional of the Year (Laboratory Practices)

Awarded to an analyst who has displayed remarkable dedication to an employer and to the MWEA, excelled professionally, consistently, generated reliable data, and publicly promoted the profession of the laboratory analyst.

2018 Eric Brubaker
2017 Stephen Bylsma
2016 Sandra Buchner
2015 Mark Gatrell
2014 Kathleen Makarewicz
2013 Patricia Chapman
2012 Tom Robinson
2011 David Johnson
2010 Amy Vail
2009 Anita Friend
2007 Robert Leet
2006 Carol Injasoulian
2005 Aruna Mandava
2004 Gary DeKock
2003 Baby Valikodath

Presidents Award

Presented to acknowledge extraordinary contribution to protect, preserve and enhance Michigan's water environment

2018 Gary & Linda DeKock
2017 Jennifer Wagner
2016 Pete Cavagnaro
2015 Linda DeKock

Public Utility Management Professional of the Year

Awarded to a worthy individual demonstrating outstanding dedication to his or her employer and to the MWEA, has excelled professionally, and has publicly promoted the wastewater environment profession.

2018 Joel Davenport
2017 Jim Nash
2016 Catherine Garnham
2015 Chad Gamble
2014 Mike Glowinski
2013 Bari Wrubel
2012 Greg Tatara
2011 Scott Boshart
2010 Matt Schindewolf
2009 Ken Zarzecki
2008 Charles Ken Kohs
2007 Bruce Merchant
2006 Fred Kemp
2005 Larry Campbell
2004 Allyn Ernst
2003 Joe Stapf

Regulatory Professional of the Year

Recognized an individual for their outstanding contributions to the MWEA and for fostering professional alliances to promote the need for effective water quality.

2018 Charles Hill
2017 Phil Argiroff
2016 Grace Scott
2015 Pete Ostlund
2014 Tom Berdinski
2013 Greg Merricle
2012 Jim Johnson
2011 Bill Creal
2010 Pat Lindemann
2009 Mike Bray
2007 Steve Casey
2006 David Porter
2005 Steve Casey
2004 Eric Way
2003 Robert Babcock

Residual Management Professional of the Year

Awarded to a worthy individual who, working on a day-to-day basis in the treatment disposal of residuals, displaying remarkable dedication to his or her employer and to the MWEA, excelling professionally, and publicly promoting the profession of the residuals management.

2018 Mark Bowman
2017 Michael Person
2016 Don Popma
2015 Hamid Rahbarnoohi
2014 Scott Kunst
2013 Joe Goergen
2012 Kari Saganski
2011 Ken Herman
2010 Lee Jacobs
2009 Kim Hackbardt
2007 Ken Langmesser
2005 Todd Wibright
2004 Ed Klopff
2003 Curt Goodman

Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers

Awarded for outstanding, meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty to those elevated to the highest level of the sludge bed, with all the honor, atmosphere prerequisites and dignity appertaining thereto.

2018 Chuck Bujega, David Connors
2017 Michelle LaRose, Mike Boven
2016 Scott Kafka, Jennifer Zelski, Rick Mahoney
2015 Glenn Hummel, Jeff Pugh
2014 Brian Hannon, Karlyn Wickham
2013 Kim Hackbardt, Catherine Garnham
2012 Jim King, Mike Lunn, Tim Sikma
2011 Tom DeLaura, Mary Jane Robinson, Dave VerHoef
2010 Sherrie Elliott, Laura Gruzowski, Joseph Keefe
2009 Jerry Harte; Joh Kang; Jerry Thaler
2008 Dave Vago, Kevin Chandler, Tom Mackenzie
2007 Steve Casey, Todd Wibright, Keith McCormack
2006 Ken Colston, Ishwar Naik, Jeff Brown, Tim Lynch, Dan Geyer
2005 Khalil Atasi, Kari Konyndyk, Wayne Kukuk, Ed Mahaney, Dan Mitchell

2004 Scott Devries; Bill Kaiser; Fred Minnich; Jack Rafter; Tim Sullivan
 2003 Gary DeKock; Sandra Diorka; Randy Hamlett; Brian Ross; Tad Slawecki
 2002 Curtis Goodman; Roger Haag; Christine Kosmowski; Jessie Cason-Smith; Eric Way
 2001 Robert Babcock; George Davis; Joseph Goergen; Lee Jacobs; Anthony Pitoniak
 2000 Curt Christeson; Jeff Johnston; Tom Larder; Joe Stapf; Cheryl Vosburg; Larry Woodard
 1999 John Ironside; Tom Kmet; Don Stypula
 1998 Gregory J. Burk; Curtis Cowles; Karen L. Flaherty; William R Gramlich; Stephen J. Mahoney;
 Matthew J. Prosoli; Tim Stallcup
 1997 Larry DeLong; George (Jed) Hubbell; Fred Kemp; Byron Lane; Douglas Trembath
 1996 Dale Bentley; Allyn Ernst; Paul Freedman; John O'Malia; Robert Scheuerman
 1995 Steve Aiken; David Boes; Herbert Hunt; Chuck Kronk; Steve Young
 1994 Mike Ennis; Judie Mullins; Dan Myers; Barry Simescu; Dan Wolz
 1993 Jeannette M. Best; Harry W. Bierig; Jim Cooper; Fred E. Cowles; Richard W. Force;
 Jimmy L. Spangler;
 1992 Fred F. DeCamp; Gordon Jones; Ralph W. Purdy; Thomas A. Wojewski
 1991 Harold Leonhard; Thomas Newhof; Cortland V. Overmyer; Jack A. Ryquist; Jack Wagner
 1990 Jim D. Anderson; Thomas C. Hoogerhyde; John W. Matz; Loring F. Oeming
 1989 Jack Frost; Art Maas; Lee Veldhuis; Ted Mudgett; Daryle Smith
 1988 Joseph Bal; Wallace J. Benzie; Paul A. Blakeslee; Jack E. Cooper; Frederick T. Eyer; Otto Green;
 Chester Harvey; James W. Hubbell; Carl V. Huber; Charles Leland; Robert J. Peterson;
 Donald M. Pierce; William Stonebrook; Doris Van Dam

Sustainable Energy

This award is given to an individual plant to help them take the initiative to start and maintain an ongoing program of continuous improvement to reduce the energy intensity and the cost of operating the wastewater treatment plant.

2018 Benton Harbor – St Joseph Wastewater Treatment Plant
 2017 City of Grand Rapids WRRF (Large), Delhi Township (Small)
 2016 Genesee County Drain Commissioner Division of Water and Waste Services District 3 Wastewater Treatment Plant

Watershed Management Professional of the Year

Awarded to recognize an individual for their efforts in promoting activities and professionalism in watershed management.

2018 Greg Kacvinsky
 2017 Kelly Karll
 2016 James Burton
 2015 Erin Campbell
 2014 Laura Gruzowski
 2013 Janis Bobrin
 2012 Sandra Diorka
 2011 Lynne Seymour
 2010 Russ Beaubien
 2009 Chuck Hersey / Amy Mangus
 2008 Dan Christian
 2007 Christine Kosmowski
 2006 William Stone
 2005 David Drullinger
 2004 Fred Cowles
 2003 Dave Woelkers

WRRT Future Leader Scholarship

Awarded to individuals who are working to complete a Class A or B license and have shown promise as future leaders in the industry.

2018 Joshua Juhl
 2017 Bill Wyngaert, Josh Bradley

Willard F. Shepard Award

Recognizes individuals who have completed 20 years of membership in the Association,

- 2018 Lester Chapman, Daniel Christian, Robert Czachorski, Scott De Vries, Jeff Dietlin, Donald Fraker, William Hogan, Phil Kline, Mary Long, Jayne Rauch, Pamela Reid, Brian Rubel, Timothy Sikma, Les Therrian, Clark Tibbe, Lisa Wallick, John Willemin
- 2017 Donald Boase, Gary Bunschoten, Ernest Elliott, Rowland Ferwerda, David Fuller, Donald Johnson, Tom Kooistra, Christine Kosmowski, James McCoy, John McDonnell, Daveda Quinn, Keith Sanders
- 2016 Khamis Al-Omari, Steven Barnard, Thomas P. Berdinski, Andrew Biddle, Daniel Billingsley, Scott Coduti, Andy Custard, George Davis, Mark Dezinski, David Dmytryka, Myron Erickson, Raymond Hansen, Thomas LaCross, Thomas Morrissey, John Rodgers, James Wineka
- 2015 Kevin Babinski, Judi Bennett, Glenn Berghorst, Scott Boshart, Mark Coleman, Allen Evink, Curtis Goodman Kim Hackbardt, Scott Kafka, Edward Klopff, Patrick Lindermann, Kevin Livingston, Mike Lunn, Steven Mephram, Charles Meyer, Kathryn Sweet, Chris Townley, James VanHarn
- 2014 Michael Barry, Curtis Bryski, Mark Fechik, Steven Fehniger, Jan Hauser, John Henning, Douglas Koss, David Oostindie, Lutgarde Raskin, Donald Uitvlugt, Eric Van Orma, Patrick Staskiewicz
- 2013 Charles Barbieri, Scott Blair, Noel Bush, Robert Case, Douglas Coates, Mark Eisenbarth, Mark Hill, Craig Hupy, Kenneth Kyrkas, Joseph Kovalcik, Gary Lessard, Daniel Mitchell, Steve Sadler, Eric Schiebold
- 2012 Scott Anderson, Jeffery Blackmer, Janis Bobrin, Terry Engelhardt, Thomas Grant, Randy Hamlett, David Harvey, Matthew Hosier, George Karmo, Mary Lendarson, Brad Lyons, Michael Rampanelli, Todd Steinbach, Thomas Wilson
- 2011 Allen Gelderloos; Dale Labelle; Daniel Schechter; Dennis Benoit; Eric Jones; Firooz Fath Azam; Frank Martin; James Pistilli; James Sherrill; James Soper; Joe Hebert; Kevin Fauka; Larry Horn; Marie Davis; Mark Mundt; Michael Ringelberg; Perry Thomas; Raymond Dickinson; Richard Bigham; Rick Stier; Robert Hilla; Robert O'Day; Rohit Trivedi; Ron Janssen; Sherrie Elliott; Stephen McGowan; Thomas Kent; Thomas Larder; William Hansen
- 2010 Gregory Burk; Eric Butler; Larry Butler; Robert Frederick; Ashwani Gupta; Robert Habron; Jeff Hervert; David Hoffman; David Holmgren; Theodore Hromada; Carol Hufnagel; Jack Keys; Allen Lemieux; John Mcginnis; Avinash Rachmale; Patrick Raftery; Bruce Sabin; Timothy Truax; Peter Vanderhor
- 2009 James Atkins; David Bates; Mark Bezinque; Richard Brelowski; Brian Cardinal; Edward Carstens; Phillip Covell; Edward Gutschenri; Joe Keefe; Earl Kenzie; Todd King; David Kulju; David Love; Tom Mackenzie; Mary Maki; Barbara Marczak; John Marr; Todd Nichols; Matt Prosoli; Jared Richards; Karen Ridgway; Howard Selover; Frank Szopo; Charles Weaver; Terry Woodard
- 2008 Dale Avery, Ray Barley, John Barszewski, Charles Bugeja, Kevin Chandler, Sandra Diorka, Lonny Free, George Freiberg, Richard Grant, John MacDonald, Dan Meads, Bruce Merchant, Kenneth Miller, Robert Monroe, Marcus Moore, Charles Peterson, Robert Poglits, James Rabine, James Ridgway, David Rigel, Daniel Robinson, Deborah Rondon, Paul Vogel, David Taylor, Dave Vago, Robert Coulter, Steven Kuplicki, Sue Foune, Richard Baxter, John O'Brien, Jeanette Best
- 2007 Richard Hinshon; William Kaiser; Randy Studaker; Brian Kindness; Brian Ross; David Woodman; Robert Scheuerman; Robert Ormond; Jeffrey Link; Mark Nye; Michael Senyk; Ken Langmesser; Jessie Cason-Smith; David Krohn; William Soper; Richard Peirson; John Baratta; Michael Brown; Paul Stokes; Kent Trierweiler
- 2006 Lucy Belcher; Peter Boettcher; Edward Cote; William Darmstaetter; Robert Demyanovich; Barry H. Eads; Preston L. Harris; Nicholas Ingallina; Fred Kemp; Steven Kerr; Thomas Kmet; Daniel LeVeque; Richard Mahoney; Keith McCormack; Lawrence Merritt; Bruce Moorman; Donald Row; Mathew Schindewolf; Craig Smith; Amelia Stine; John Stuparits; David VerHoef; Donald Walworth; Michael Wirkutis

- 2005 Thomas Allbaugh; Terry A. Bartels; Michael G. Banfield; Thomas A. Cisari; Donald H. Fyhr; Reginald Hamilton; Jimmy Hyder; Samuel S. Jeyanayagam; Jeffrey R. Johnston; George G. Kapp; John R. Lang; Gayle M. Marlowe; Richard W. Meyers; Bryan D. Pond; Paul T. Sgriccia; Keyno J. Shellenbarger; Timothy H. Sullivan; Walter Syrkowski; James D. Townley; Linnea E. Westrich; Mark F. Winchester; Jerry Zitterman
- 2004 Doug Foyteck; Keith Oldewurtel; Ronald A. Rees; Gary R. Vaughan
- 2003 Larry H. Campbell; William B. Danly; Thomas J. DeLaura; Ray Fix; Norma Gandara; David J. Goffnett; Michael Harvey; Jerald O. Thaler; Dean Tuomari; John van Uffelen
- 2002 Michael H. Adrounie; Walter H. Alix; John C. Ameal; Douglas A. Buchholz; Darrell L. Carr; Steven Carl Kasey; Peter Daukss; Gary DeKock; Michael T. Drewyor; Dwight E. Fargo; Jeanette Fenner; Roger Haag; Lee Hauswirth; Kevin LaValle; Michael Lowe; Timothy D. McNamara; Abe A. Munfah; Patricia Oates; James A. Susan; Ernie Upton; Douglas M. Watson; William R. Wheeler; Jerome Whitley; Terry Wilson; Larry Woodard
- 2001 John R. Barthels; Marc C. Barton; Linden Beebe; Dave Bratt; Gary Fujita; David W. Hand; William Horton; Steven A. Kalinowski; Stephen C. Kehres; Elmer L. Keysor; Rick L. Mohr; Robert Vandermale; Dennis G. Williams
- 2000 Charles B. Bellmore; Terry Benish; Edward Berghorst; Frederick A. Bialk; Thomas E. Biehl; Dave Bratt; Robert G. Burditt; Randall Fisher; Paul L. Freedman; Donald R. French; Joseph M. Goergen; Curt A. Kempainen; Tom Mort; David Mulac; Judith M. Mullins; Mark A. Pochodylo; John R. Porter, Jr.; Peter T. Roth; Tim Stallcup; Paul Tucker, Jr.; Scott Van Leuwen; John Vasold; Sabah H. Yousif; Kenneth L. Zarzecki
- 1999 Pramod M. Amin; Dale J. Bentley; Walt T. Boguslaski; Carl C. Chambers; Joseph Dean; Steven F. Gall; Ron Gamble; Paul J. Gauche; Daniel H. Geyer; George E. Hubbell; David L. Jaeger; John T. Kenney; David McGlone; John A. Mogelnicki; Leo L. Schaut; Scott G. Thompson; Tom Whitenight; Brett Yardley; Steven K. Young

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- 2002 Ed Cote-A & B Division; Dale Avery-C, D, or Lagoon Division; Sandra Diorka-Industrial Pretreatment Division; Raymond Leonard Dickinson-Collection Systems Division; Pardip Kumar Sarda-Laboratory Division; Michael Asher-Maintenance Division
- 2001 John "Larry" Postula-A& B Division; Joey M. Herbert-C, D, or Lagoon Division; Daniel D. Robinson-Industrial Division; Joseph Betz-Collection Systems Division; Todd Church-Laboratory Division
- 2000 John Beard-A & B Division; Mike Wegrzyn-C, D, or Lagoon Division; John Soltes-Industrial Division; Robert Tate-Maintenance Division; Mary B. Lenardson-Laboratory Division; Daniel J. Le Veque-Industrial Pretreatment Division.
- 1999 Ronald Janssen-A & B Division; Todd Ernst-C, D, or Lagoon Division; Cheryl Vosburg-Industrial Pretreatment Division; William Bruinekool-Industrial Division; Ranu Meah-Collection Systems Division; Susan Foune-Laboratory Division; Michael Waters-Maintenance Division
- 1998 Mark Fehik-A & B Division; Edward Berghurst-Industrial Division; John Tavalieri-Collection
- 1997 Bruce Young-A & B Division; Dale M. Avery-C, D, or Lagoon Division; Mark Shelhart-Industrial Division; Richard Gruber-Collection Systems Division
- 1996 Denis Dumais-A & B Division; Ernest Elliot-C, D, or Lagoon Division; John M. MacDonald-Industrial Division; D. Rader-Collection Systems Division
- 1995 Karl Jaeger- A& B Division; Les Job-C, D, or Lagoon Division; Steven W. Curry-Industrial

Division; William Denny Zink-Collection Systems Division

- 1994 Merlin Lavrack-A & B Division; Dale L. Labell-C, D, or Lagoon; Brian Miller-Industrial Division; Jeffrey Stephans-Collection Systems Division
- 1993 Charles Egbert-A & B Division; Michael J. Wirkatis-C, D, or Lagoon Division; Jack Short-Industrial Division; Ray Lee-Collection Systems Division
- 1992 Ronald E. Sanford-A & B Division; Robert A. Keller-C, D, or Lagoon Division; Mitchell Buschbacher-Industrial Division; John Oklonen-Collection Systems Division;
- 1991 Wayne Verhelle-A & B Division; Terry Englehardt-C, D, or Lagoon Division; Jolyda O. Swaim-Industrial Division; Robert Tasma-Collection Systems Division
- 1990 Richard Bigham-A & B Division; Douglas Beadle-C, D, or Lagoon Division; Gerald L. Reynolds-Industrial Division; Charles Haynes-Collection Systems Division
- 1989 Gary Kapa-A & B Division; David M. Erickson-C, D, or Lagoon Division; Michael Wesaw-Industrial Division; Daniel L. Carmichael-Collection Systems Division
- 1988 Thomas A. Kmet-A & B Division; Steven E. Boss-C, D, or Lagoon Division; Ivan Streeter-Industrial Division; Joseph Sessions-Collection Systems Division
- 1987 Carmelo Velez-A & B Division; Robert S. Johnson-C, D, Lagoon Division; Jeanette Best-Industrial Division; R. Scott Gugino-Collection Systems Division
- 1986 Jack A. Roeloff-A & B Division; William Myer-C, D, or Lagoon Division; Edward Berghorst-Industrial Division
- 1985 Randall J. Fisher-A & B Division; Donald L. Prevost-C, D, or Lagoon Division; Donald Hartman-Collection Systems Division