



## BEST OF THE WEST AWARD RECIPIENTS

### 2019 AWARD WINNERS

#### CATEGORY:

Economic Engine  
Excellence in Innovation  
Quality of Life Enhancement – Education  
Quality of Life Enhancement – Community  
West Valley Regional Advancement  
West Valley Inspiration in Leadership  
President's Choice

#### RECIPIENT:

Desert Diamond West Valley Casino  
City of Peoria Business Concierge  
Speak Up, Stand Up, Save a life  
West Valley Arts Council  
Mike & Cindy Watts, ASU Watts College of Public Service  
Dr. Roger Freeman, Littleton Elementary School District  
Julie Rees, Triadvocates

### 2018 AWARD WINNERS

#### CATEGORY:

Economic Engine  
Excellence in Innovation  
Quality of Life Enhancement – Education  
Quality of Life Enhancement – Community  
West Valley Regional Advancement  
West Valley Inspiration in Leadership  
President's Choice

#### RECIPIENT:

ISM Raceway  
City of Surprise AZ TechCelerator Global Concierge Service Program  
Midwestern University  
Abrazo West Campus  
Sharon Harper, Plaza Companies  
Herman Orcutt, Retired Founder of Orcutt Winslow  
Cheryl Covert, City of Avondale

### 2017 AWARD WINNERS

#### CATEGORY:

Economic Engine  
Excellence in Innovation  
Quality of Life Enhancement – Education  
Quality of Life Enhancement – Community  
West Valley Regional Advancement  
West Valley Inspiration in Leadership  
President's Choice

#### RECIPIENT:

PV | 303 Business Park  
City of Goodyear & SRP  
PUSD CTE Program  
Tri-City West Thornwood Branch of the Boys & Girls Club of Phoenix  
John Graham, Sunbelt Holdings  
Joe La Rue, Sun Health  
Mike Hoover, City of Surprise

### 2016 AWARD WINNERS

#### CATEGORY:

Economic Engine  
Excellence in Innovation  
Quality of Life Enhancement  
West Valley Regional Advancement  
West Valley Inspiration in Leadership

#### RECIPIENT:

Epcor Water – Luke 303 Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility  
Sun Health at Home  
City of Surprise Resource Center  
Dr. Denton Santarelli  
Senator John McCain

### 2015 AWARD WINNERS

#### CATEGORY:

Economic Engine  
Excellence in Innovation  
Quality of Life Enhancement  
West Valley Regional Advancement

#### RECIPIENT:

Aspera  
WestMEC Southwest Energy Partners Campus  
Benevilla  
Cancer Treatment Centers of America at the Western Regional



West Valley Inspiration in Leadership

Medical Center in Goodyear  
Dr. Marwan Sabbagh, Director of Alzheimer's Disease and Memory  
Disorder Division at Barrow Neurological Institute

## 2014 AWARD WINNERS

### CATEGORY:

Economic Engine  
Excellence in Innovation  
Quality of Life Enhancement  
West Valley Visionary  
West Valley Regional Advancement  
West Valley Inspiration in Leadership

### RECIPIENT:

Northern Parkway – Phase One  
BioInspire  
United Community Action Network (UCAN)  
Dr. Lattie Coor  
Charley Freericks, DMB Associates  
The Honorable Janice K. Brewer

## 2013 AWARD WINNERS

### CATEGORY:

Economic Engine  
Excellence in Innovation  
Quality of Life Enhancement  
West Valley Inspiration in Leadership  
West Valley Regional Advancement

### RECIPIENT:

Southwest Railplex – City of Surprise  
The Arizona Marathon – Half-Relay – 5K – Fit Kids  
Peoria Unified School District's MyLife Program  
The Honorable Marie Lopez Rogers  
Michael Bidwill and the Arizona Cardinals

## 2012 AWARD WINNERS

### CATEGORY:

Economic Engine  
Excellence in Innovation  
Quality of Life Enhancement  
WESTMARC Leadership  
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award  
Special Recognition  
Special Recognition  
Special 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary BOTW Award

### RECIPIENT:

Midwestern University  
Arizona Metropolitan Trust (AzMT)  
Changing Communities through a Culture of Sustainability (GCC)  
Candace Wiest  
Diane McCarthy  
The Honorable John Nelson  
The Honorable Elaine Scruggs  
The Luke Forward Campaign (Charlie Freericks, Elaine Scruggs, Co-Chairs)

## 2011 AWARD WINNERS

### CATEGORY:

Economic Engine  
Excellence in Innovation  
Quality of Life Enhancement  
WESTMARC Leadership  
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

### RECIPIENT:

Banner Thunderbird Medical Center Campus Expansion Project  
Glendale Oasis Groundwater Treatment Plant  
Arizona Broadway Theatre  
Harry Paxton  
The Honorable Max Wilson

## 2010 AWARD WINNERS

### CATEGORY:

Architectural Innovation  
Arts & Culture  
Attractions, Destinations & Entertainment  
Building Business – Sustainability  
Education - Higher Education

### RECIPIENT:

West-MEC Aviation Technology High School  
The Bead Museum, Glendale  
Camelback Ranch, Glendale  
AZ TechCelerator, Surprise  
Estrella Mountain Community College and Southwest Valley  
Chamber of Commerce

## 2010 AWARD WINNERS, CONT'D

Education - K-12

Mountain Ridge High School's Interact Club



Leadership - Individual  
Emerging Leader - Under 40  
Service to Communities - Health & Wellness  
Service to Communities - Municipal  
Service to Communities - Non-Profit  
Outstanding WESTMARC Member  
Chairman's Award  
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

Gloria Powell, RN  
Molly Stockley  
Cancer Treatment Center of America, Goodyear  
Care 1<sup>st</sup> Avondale Resource and Housing Center  
The Maryvale Project, by Maryvale Revitalization Corporation  
Mary Ann Lavine  
The Honorable Claude Mattox, Phoenix City Councilman  
The Honorable Ed Pastor, U. S. Representative

## 2009 AWARD WINNERS

### CATEGORY:

Architectural Innovation  
Arts & Culture  
Attractions, Destinations & Entertainment  
Building Business - Less than 50 Employees  
Education - Higher Education  
Education - K-12  
Leadership - Individual  
Leadership - Organization  
Emerging Leader - Under 40  
Service to Communities - Health & Wellness  
Service to Communities - Municipal  
Care  
Service to Communities - Non-Profit  
Sports  
Chairman's Award  
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

### RECIPIENT:

Orcutt|Winslow Partnership/Pendergast Elementary School  
Mosaic Avondale and Hands-On, Avondale  
Grand Canal Linear Park and Trail, Glendale  
Thompson's Valley West Funeral Chapel  
Communiversity@Surprise  
Mountain Ridge High School "Pride of the West" Marching Band  
Dr. Jim Rice, Superintendent, Alhambra School District  
Southwest Valley Family YMCA Teen Council  
Landis Elliott  
Arnold's Place Assisted Living Facility  
City of Surprise, Rio Salado Lifelong Learning and Interfaith Community  
  
New Life Center, Goodyear  
Goodyear Ballpark  
Wildlife World Zoo & Aquarium  
Governor Jan Brewer

## 2008 AWARD WINNERS

### CATEGORY:

Architectural Innovation  
Arts, Culture and Entertainment  
Attractions, Destinations and Tourism  
Building Business - 50 or Less Employees  
Building Business - 50 or More  
Education - K-12  
Education - Higher Education  
Leadership – Individual  
Leadership – Organization  
Service to Communities – Health & Wellness  
Service to Communities – Municipal  
Service to Communities – Other  
Sports  
Chairman's Award  
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement

### RECIPIENT:

Westgate City Center  
West Valley Arts Council's Big Read  
Arrowhead Towne Center  
West Valley National Bank  
Ashley Furniture HomeStore  
Westside Impact Consortium  
ASU Project ASPIRE Avondale Elem. School District Partnership  
John Longabaugh  
Sun Health's Nursing Education Training Unit/Pat Green, MSN, RN  
Sun Health Olive Branch Senior Center  
City of Peoria Butler Drive Water Reclamation Facility  
Dysart Community Center Laubach Literacy Program  
Superbowl XLII  
Leland Peterson  
Herman Orcutt

## 2007 AWARD WINNERS

### CATEGORY:

Architectural Innovation  
Arts, Culture & Entertainment (tie)  
Arts, Culture & Entertainment (tie)

### RECIPIENT:

Marley Park  
Tres Rios Nature & Earth Festival  
West Valley Arts Council – West Valley Cultural & Heritage Blueprint



Attractions, Destinations and Tourism  
Building Business – 50 or Less Employees  
Building Business – 50 or More Employees

Peoria Sports Complex  
West Valley National Bank  
Sun Health Research Institute

### **2007 AWARD WINNERS, CONT'D**

Education – Higher Education (tie)  
Education – Higher Education (tie)  
Education – Higher Education (tie)  
MAC Program  
Education – K-12  
Leadership – Individual  
Leadership – Program  
Service to Communities – Health & Wellness  
Fair Service to Communities – Health  
Service to Communities – Municipal  
Center Service to Communities – Other (tie)  
Service to Communities – Other (tie)  
Sports  
Chairman's Award  
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

Rio Salado College Lifelong Learning Center  
Goodyear's Recruitment of Private Institutions of Higher Learning  
ASU's College of Teacher Education Program and Leadership in  
Alhambra Foundation for the Future  
Master Sergeant Curtis Crigger  
The Sky's the Limit CTE Career Expo 2006  
Banner Thunderbird's Children's Safety  
Dream Catcher Park  
City of Glendale Foothills Recreation and Aquatics  
Maryvale Revitalization Corporation  
Luke Enlisted Force  
Glendale's Got Game – City of Glendale & Fiesta Bowl Partners  
The Honorable Elaine Scruggs, Mayor, City of Glendale  
The Honorable John Nelson, Arizona House of Representatives

### **2006 AWARD WINNERS**

#### **CATEGORY:**

Architectural Innovation  
Community Center  
Arts, Entertainment and Sports  
Program Attractions, Destinations and Tourism  
Building Business – 50 or Less Employees  
Building Business – 50 or More Employees  
Celebrating Cultural Awareness  
Education – Higher Education  
Futuro Education – K-12  
Leadership – Individual  
Leadership – Program  
of I-10  
Service to Communities – Health & Wellness  
Leadership Service to Communities – Municipal  
Service to Communities – Other  
Chairman's Award  
(AZSTA) John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

#### **RECIPIENT:**

City of Phoenix Palo Verde Branch Library and Maryvale  
Alhambra Head Start's Young Artists  
Phoenix International Raceway  
Wilhelm Automotive  
Sun Health Brain & Body Donation Program  
Mexican Americans of Litchfield Park Oral History Project  
Estrella Mountain Partners with Intel: Hermanas Disena Tu  
Sun Health Apple A Day  
Leonard J. Kirschner, M.D., M.P.H.  
Partnership of the Southwest Valley Mayors to accelerate the widening  
Midwestern University – 10 Years of  
City of Peoria Desert Fusion Garden  
Kidz Kan  
Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority  
Phoenix International Raceway

### **2005 AWARD WINNERS**

#### **CATEGORY:**

Architectural Innovation  
Complex Arts, Entertainment and Sports  
Attractions, Destinations and Tourism  
Building Business - 50 of Less Employees  
Building Business - 50 or More Employees  
Celebrating Cultural Awareness  
West Campus  
Education – Higher Education

#### **RECIPIENT:**

Smith Group – City of Avondale City  
West Valley Arts Council 2005-2006 Season  
White Tank Mountain Regional Park  
Marley Park Phase I, LLC  
Lockheed Martin Integrated Systems and Solutions  
Public Events Multicultural Series at Arizona State University's  
Glendale Community College Forensics Program



Education – K-12  
Leadership – Individual  
Leadership – Program  
Service to Communities – Health & Wellness  
Service to Communities – Municipal  
Team Service to Communities – Other  
Chairman’s Award  
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

Lockheed Martin Information Technology (IT) Apprenticeship Program  
Dr. Kino Flores  
Leadership West  
Banner Estrella Medical Center  
56th Fighter Wing Community Initiative  
Buckeye Food Bank  
Peoria Rotary Club  
West Valley Mayoral Leadership for Transportation

## 2004 AWARD WINNERS

### CATEGORY:

Arts, Entertainment and Sports  
Attractions, Destinations and Tourism  
Building Business - 50 or Less Employees  
Building Business - 50 or More Employees  
Celebrating Cultural Awareness  
Education - Higher Education  
Education - K-12  
Leadership  
Service to Communities - Health & Wellness  
Service to Communities - Municipal  
Service to Communities - Other  
Chairman’s Award  
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

### RECIPIENT:

Del E. Webb Center for the Performing Arts  
Bethany Home Outfall Channel / Grand Canal Linear Park  
The Luminarium at Estrella Mountain Ranch  
Hickman’s Egg Ranch  
More than a Century of Peoria People, Progress and Pride  
The Smith Group  
NAF-PUSD Academy Programs  
Marcie Ellis  
Relay for Life – Glendale Union High School District  
Healthy Avondale 2010 Partnership  
Stepping Stone Foundation  
ASU’s West Campus Freshman Experience Office  
Dr. Phillip Randolph, President, Glendale Community College

## 2003 AWARD WINNERS

### CATEGORY:

Arts, Entertainment and Sports (tie)  
Arts, Entertainment and Sports (tie)  
Attractions, Destinations and Tourism  
Business (tie)  
Building Business (tie)  
Celebrating Cultural Awareness  
Education (tie)  
Education (tie)  
Leadership  
Service to Communities (tie)  
Service to Communities (tie)  
Service to Communities (tie)  
Chairman’s Award  
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

### RECIPIENT:

Heard Museum - ASU West Native American Art Workshop  
PUSD Arts Festival Sponsored by “PEEF”  
Robson’s Arizona Mining World Building  
Arrowhead Community Bank, Glendale  
Byrd Enterprises  
Liberty School District’s “Hands Across the Border Program”  
Glendale Community College Tech Camp  
Esperanza Elementary School Project Leap  
Sharon Harper  
BHHS Legacy Foundation  
Blue Cross Blue Shield of AZ Health Safari  
Phoenix Fire Department  
City of Glendale Leadership  
Karl Abel

## 2002 AWARD WINNERS

### CATEGORY:

Building Business  
  
Celebrating Cultural Awareness  
Education - Higher Education  
  
Education K-12/Higher Education  
Center  
Leadership

### RECIPIENT:

The Louisa Kellam Center for Women's Health at  
Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital  
City of Glendale Diversity Committee  
NASA Center for Success in Math & Science at Estrella  
Mountain Community College  
Smithsonian Institution Education Conference at the Challenger Space  
  
Dwight Amery



Arts, Entertainment & Sports  
Arts, Entertainment & Sports  
Education K-12  
Education K-12  
Service to Communities  
Service to Communities  
Service to Communities - Municipal  
Service to Communities - Municipal  
Chairman's Award  
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

ASU West Interdisciplinary Arts & Performance Series  
Symphony of the West Valley  
Continuing Education Academy  
Coyote Academy  
Interfaith Community Care  
Kids Campus - West Valley Child Crisis Center  
Avondale Fire Department Baby Shots Program  
Phoenix Fire Department Baby Shots Program  
Birt and Louisa Kellam  
William O. Tainter

## 2001 AWARD WINNERS

### CATEGORY:

Arts, Entertainment & Sports  
Attractions, Destinations & Tourism  
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Building Business - 50 or less  
Building Business - more than 50  
Celebrating Cultural Awareness  
Education- Higher Education  
Education- K-12 (Elementary)

Education- K-12 (High School)  
Leadership  
Service To Communities  
Services To Communities – Municipal  
Program Chairman's Award  
John F. Long Lifetime Achievement Award

### RECIPIENT:

ASU's Sundome Center for the Performing Arts  
The Knight Space Science Education Center of Arizona

Smithsonian Affiliation  
Southwest Specialty Food, Inc.  
Boswell Memorial Hospital  
Del E. Webb Performing Arts Center  
ACE Plu  
LINKS - Living In a New Kid's Shoes Program/ Wildflower School  
Leadership West Class VII Education Group; Avondale Elementary School  
Dist.; SW Valley C of C  
Against All Odds Scholarship Awards Program  
Dr. Carol G. Peck, Superintendent, Alhambra School District  
West Valley Gallery 37  
Surprise Fire Department Alternative Response  
ASU West's transformation into a four-year university  
The Honorable Bob Stump, U.S. Representative

## 2000 AWARD WINNERS

### CATEGORY:

Attractions, Destinations & Tourism

Building Business - More than 50  
Celebrating Cultural Awareness  
Week Education - Higher Education  
Education - K-12  
Leadership  
Service to Communities  
Service to Communities – Municipal  
Program  
Sports, Arts & Entertainment  
Entertainment Chairman's

Lifetime Achievement

### RECIPIENT:

Knight Space Science Education Center & Challenger  
Learning Center of Arizona  
Goodyear Airport New Terminal  
ASU West's Martin Luther King Celebration  
inspire.teach  
Alhambra School District's Business Partnership Program  
Robert & Nancy Root, Volunteers Par Excellence  
Maryvale U.N.I.T.E. Neighborhood Association  
City of Glendale, Community Volunteer  
  
The Variety Show, 21Years of Show-Stopping  
Southwest Transit Assessment & Review Team  
West Valley Recreation  
Corridor  
John F. Long

## 1999 AWARD WINNERS



**CATEGORY:**

Attractions, Destination & Tourism  
Building Communities (tie)  
Building Communities (tie)  
Education (tie)  
Education (tie)  
Leadership  
Sports, Arts & Entertainment  
Service to Communities  
Chairman's Award

**RECIPIENT:**

Duncan Family Farm  
Rebuilding Old Town Peoria  
Estrella Mountain Ranch by SunChase  
Litchfield Elementary School PTSA's Artist-in-Residence Program  
Desert Sky Mall Presents "Webster's World of Reading"  
Phoenix Police Department's Maryvale Precinct Woodmar IV Project  
Theater Works  
The El Mirage Teen Center Project  
A. Wallace and Edith Litchfield Denny

**1998 AWARD WINNERS**

**CATEGORY:**

Attractions, Destinations, and Tourism  
Art Building Communities  
Education (tie)  
  
Education (tie)

**RECIPIENT:**

McCall Museum of Space  
Goodyear General Plan  
Regional Cisco Networking Academy – Estrella Mountain  
Community College  
Regional Cisco Networking Academy – Peoria Unified School District

**1998 AWARD WINNERS, CONT'D**

Education (tie)  
Leadership  
Service to Communities  
Sports, Art and Entertainment  
Chairman's Award

Teacher Mentor Program  
Dorothy Huntsman  
Eldervention  
1998 Peoria Chess Exhibition & Tournament  
R. H. Johnson

**1997 AWARD WINNERS**

**CATEGORY:**

Growth  
Recreation  
  
Education - K-8  
Education - 9-12 (tie)  
  
Education - 9-12 (tie)  
Education - Higher Education  
Arts  
Team - Individual  
Team – Group  
  
Enriching West Valley Communities  
  
Glendale Chairman's Award

**RECIPIENT:**

Del Webb's Sun City Grand / John Waldron  
Desert West Skateboard Plaza / City of Phoenix Parks, Recreation  
& Library Dept.  
PASS After School Program / Dysart Unified School District  
Introtech: Exploring Technology for the Future / Glendale Union  
High School District Partnership  
Surprise Academic Enrichment Program / City of Surprise  
University - College Center / ASU West / Glendale Community College  
Soleri Amphitheater / Glendale Community College  
Capt. Patrick McCrea / 308th Fighter Squadron  
Southwest City/School /Developer's Partnership Compact / City of  
Goodyear  
Xeriscape Botanical Garden / City of

**1996 AWARD WINNERS**

**CATEGORY:**

Arts

**RECIPIENT:**

Sundome Center for the Performing Arts and Blockbuster Desert Sky  
Pavilion



Education - K-8  
Education - High School  
Education - Higher Education

Growth  
Recreation  
Service to Communities - Individual  
Service to Communities — Organization  
Chairman's Award

Litchfield Elementary School District  
Dysart High School - Excel 21-Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Estrella Mountain Community College Center – Genesis West: A Program  
For New Beginnings  
City of Glendale – Downtown Glendale  
Phoenix International Raceway  
The Honorable John Nelson, Phoenix City Council Member  
Peoria's Midwest / Out West Fest  
Challenger Learning Center Arts

## 1995 AWARD WINNERS

### CATEGORY:

Arts  
Education  
Growth  
Recreation  
Service to Communities – Healthcare  
Hospital Service to Communities – Non-Profit  
Service to Communities – Government  
Business  
Chairman's Award

### RECIPIENT:

Desert Caballeros Museum  
City of Surprise Literacy Program  
Walle Label Factory  
Wildlife World Zoo  
Boswell Memorial  
Maryvale U.N.I.T.E.  
Grandma's House  
Pioneer Ford  
John F. Long Foundation

## 1994 AWARD WINNERS

### CATEGORY:

Economic Development  
  
Education  
Education – Program  
Recreation  
Service to Communities - Individual  
Service to Communities - Program  
Special Events/Promotion  
Chairman's Award

### RECIPIENT:

Cities of Glendale, Peoria, and Westcor Partners – Public/Private  
Partnership For Economic Growth  
Jeanne Crawford, ASU Continuing Education Program  
Estrella Mountain Community College Center  
Lake Pleasant Recreation Area  
Michael L. Strobe, Peoria Chief of Police  
Glendale Recreation After School Program  
City of Peoria – Inaugural Spring Training Season  
Stephen Cleveland – City of Goodyear, and  
James Devine – Glendale Economic Development for creating the WMEZ

## 1993 AWARD WINNERS

### CATEGORY:

Arts  
Arts - Humanity  
Education  
Education - Humanity  
Growth  
Growth - Humanity  
Recreation  
Recreation - Humanity  
Transportation  
Transportation - Humanity

### RECIPIENT:

West Valley Fine Arts Council  
Glendale's Art in Public Places  
Glendale Union High School District – Education Reform  
Cartwright School District Head Start Program  
Peoria Sports Complex  
Westside Food Bank  
Thunderbird Paseo Park  
City of Surprise Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention  
Town of Wickenburg – Capitol Improvement Plan for Transportation  
American Red Cross Special Transportation Services Program

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