

RECOGNITION OF OTAC HONOREES

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2024	Allison H. George	2001	Florence Clark
2023	Gordon Muir Giles	2000	Dottie Ecker
2022	Erna Imperatore Blanche	1999	Elizabeth Yerxa
2021	Jerilyn 'Gigi' Smith	1998	Evelyn Jaffe
2020	Winifred Schultz-Krohn	1997	Sarah Kelly
2019	Anne MacRae	1996	Ada Granger
2018	Susan Harris	1995	Jan Matsutsuyu
2017	Guy L. McCormack	1994	Kilulu Von Prince
2016	Ruth Ramsey	1993	Doris Heredia
2015	Lisa Test	1992	Edwinna Marshall
2014	Ann Neville-Jan	1991	Lela Llorens
2013	Michele Berro	1990	Frances Kelly
2012	Mary Evert	1989	Eleanor L. Hillger
2011	Heidi McHugh Pendleton	1988	Dorothy Wilson
2010	Catherine Earhart	1984	Florence Cromwell
2008	Margaret Phillips	1983	Ethlyn Stinson
2007	Amy Killingsworth	1982	A. Jean Ayres
2006	Linda Florey	1981	Carlotta Welles
2005	Diane Foti	1980	Doris Cutting
2004	Susan Knox	1979	Bekke Holdeman
2003	Mary Foto	1978	Gwen Wright
2002	Ruth Zemke	1977	Jean Peck

COTA HONORARY AWARD

2022	Sharon L. Pavlovich	2004	Danielle Meglio
2017	Erika Agustin	2001	Marlene Van Vliet
2015	Ada Boone Hoerl	2000	Patricia Shiokari
2014	Cindy Garcia	1999	Barbara Forte
2011	Gloria Romero	1996	Jacalyn Mardirossian
2009	Yvonne C. Trousdale	1995	Terri Olivas-De La O
2005	Bobbi Jean Tanberg	1994	Patricia O'Hare

JANICE MATSUTSUYU OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

2024	Joseph A. Juse	2006	Rondalyn Whitney
2023	Heather J. Kitching	2004	Patricia Nagaishi
2022	Alison H. George	2003	Sarah Kelly
2020	Jerilyn 'Gigi' Smith	2002	Linda Tank
2019	Sherry M. Hite	2001	Danielle Meglio
2018	Bryant Edwards	2000	Luella Grangaard; Guy McCormack
2017	Elizabeth G. Gomes		
2016	Luis Arabit	1999	Diana Su-Erickson
2014	Gayle San Marco	1998	Michele Berro
2013	Arameh Anvarizadeh	1997	Patricia Bascom
2012	Samia Rafeedie	1996	Cindy Burt
2011	Heather Kitching	1995	Barbara Gale
2010	Lora Woo	1994	Diane Crabtree
2009	Bonita A. Kraft	1993	Laura Caron-Parker
2008	Gina Ceja	1992	Janet Jabri
2007	Marlene Steele		

SUSAN J. HARRIS OT ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

2024	Swati Shah	2013	Tammy Richmond
2023	Jayson Davies	2012	Bonnie Nakasuji;
2022	Hiral Khatri		Erna Imperatore Blanche
2020	Laura Park Figueroa	2011	John Goodfellow
2018	M. Terry Bowman	2010	Mary Kay Gallagher
2016	Sonia Lopez	2009	Fredlyn S. Berger
2015	Julie Groves	2008	Tara Delaney
2014	Terri Nishimura	2007	Susan Harris

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

2024	Sharon A. Cermack	2000	Elizabeth Cara
2023	Claudia G. Peyton	1999	Linda Fazio
2022	Deborah J. Bolding	1997	Brenda Collins
2021	Margaret 'Peg'	1996	Linda Florey
	Ann Bledsoe	1995	Susan Harris
2020	Christy Billock	1994	Ruth Zemke
2017	Deborah B. Pitts	1993	Janet Jabri
2016	Heather Thomas	1992	Margaret A. Phillips
2015	Julie Bissell	1991	Susan Knox
2014	Shawn Phipps	1990	Patricia Shiokari
2013	Pamela Richardson	1989	Ardith Breton
2012	Bonnie Nakasuji	1988	Susan Cleary Schwartz
2011	Erna Imperatore Blanche	1987	Diane Hendricks
2010	Michele Berro	1986	Kilulu Von Prince
2009	Teri Wiss	1985	Mary Kasch
2008	Winifred Schultz-Krohn	1984	Mary Margaret Evert
2007	Thelma Wellerson Hook	1983	Evelyn Jaffe
2006	Linda Tank	1982	Dale Houston
2005	Jerilyn 'Gigi' Smith	1981	Dorothy Wilson
2004	Pamela Roberts	1980	Sarah Kelly
2003	Heidi Pendleton	1978	Mary Lou Hymen
2002	Charles Strauch	1977	Julie Shaperman
2001	Christine Wietlisbach		

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE AWARD

2024	Denise Ha	2004	Laurie Nelson
2023	Zoe Mailloux	2003	Valerie Adams
2022	Julie Groves	2002	Winifred Schultz-Krohn
2021	Ana G. Verran	2001	Karin Bonfils Kleinhans
2020	Stephanie Foster	2000	Gordon Muir Giles
2018	Monica Becerril	1999	Marti Southam
2017	Kathleen J. Shanfield	1998	Elise Holloway
2016	Sandra Okada	1997	Elizabeth Snow
2015	Chantelle Rice	1996	Luella Grangaard
2014	Nicolaas van den Heever	1995	Joanna Patton
2013	Elizabeth G. Gomes	1994	Deborah Morawski
2012	Michal Atkins	1993	Georgette Dufresne
2011	Deborah B. Pitts	1992	Claudia Allen
2010	Sarah R. Bream	1991	Yuriko Lynn Yasuda
2009	Christine Wietlisbach	1990	Margaret A. Phillips
2008	Margaret 'Peg' Bledsoe	1989	Thelma Hook
2007	Lisa Deshaies	1988	Susan Knox
2006	Lynna Kaplan	1985	Linda Ogden
2005	Shawn Phipps	1984	Dorothy Ecker

OT/OTA PARTNERSHIP AWARD

2023	Ingrid Leu; Rodney Harris	2005	Terry Olivas-De La O; Elvira Arzaga Rubio
2019	Dawn N. Hironaka; Laura Deary	2004	Laurie Nelson; Suzanne Olah-Macek;
2012	Christine Wietlisbach; Danielle Meglio	1997	Rebecca Gibson Renee Soderlund;
2007	Sharon Pavlovich; Karen Pendleton		Jacalyn Mardirossian

SPECIAL AWARD

1986 Jane Marvin

MEDIA AWARD

2024	Kiley Hanish	2020	Goodfellow
2022	Karen L. Park		Occupational Therapy
2021	Bill Wong	2017	Sarah R. Bream

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FIELDWORK EDUCATOR AWARD

2024	Paul Penoliar	2009	Barbara Rodrigues
2022	Harold T. Neuendorff	2008	Marilyn Masunaka-Noreiga
2021	Becky Crouch		
2020	Mariel Schmidt	2007	Lora Woo
2018	Dawn Arias	2006	Deborah Bolding
2017	Janet A. Daimaru	2005	Bonnie Nakasuji
2016	Gina Phelps	2004	Fred Snively
2015	Karen L. Park	2002	Jaynee Taguchi-Meyer
2014	Diane Mayfield	2000	Kathryn Gundersen
2013	Alann Salvador	1999	Gitu Bhavnani
2012	Judi Palladino		

AWARD OF APPRECIATION

2024	Erin McIntyre	2012	Mildred "Mickey" Galef
2023	Carlin Daley Reaume,	2010	Denise M. Miller
2022	Chana K. Hiranaka	2007	John Watson
	Taisha Trotman	2006	Patti Yonochko Horsley
2021	Eileen S. Auerbach	2005	Mary Reilly
	Lynna Kaplan	2004	Gelya Frank
2020	Susan C. Robertson	2001	Psychiatric Occupational Therapy Action Coalition (POTAC)
2019	Kathryn I. Gundersen		
2017	Aviril Sepulveda		
2016	Lynette Beadles	1988	O.T. Associates- Susan J. Harris
2014	Sarah R. Bream		
2013	Lisa Hiestand		

VISION AWARD

2024	California Foundation for Occupational Therapy	2021	CSU Dominguez Hills & Santa Ana College OT/OTA Collaborative Fieldwork Program
2023	Heather Javaherian Dysinger, Assembly Member Blanca E. Rubio		Jennifer Brouwers Zurit Horowitz Hecky Hua Courtney Jarvis Faith R. Moy Jessica Padilla
2021	Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry	2017	OT Centennial Rose Parade Float Committee and Volunteers

SPIRIT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AWARD

2024	Wendy B. Stav	2019	Homeboy Industries
2023	Stephanie Moon	2017	Frank Kronenberg
2022	Maureen E. Johnson	2016	CSU Dominguez Hills - Integrating Cultures through Occupational Therapy
2020	Paul Penoliar, Elvy Fuentes, Deborah Han		

MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD

2005	Senator Elaine White Alquist	1998	Loretta and Frank Biehl
2000	Fred Somers, Charles Strauch, Chuck Willmarth		

LUELLA GRANGAARD POLITICAL ACTION AWARD

2023	Luis Arabit	2013	Luis Arabit
2022	Richard A. Bookwalter	2012	Guy L. McCormack
2021	Lauren Lopez	2011	Michelle Farmer
2018	Jerry Jordan	2010	Christine Wietlisbach
2015	Sabrena McCarley	2007	Matthew Arigo
2014	Kyle Yetter	2004	Luella Grangaard

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

2022	Teresa Pham	2014	Samantha Itaya
2021	Jhennylyn Rivera	2013	Dimos Tsigkakos
2020	Maria Cristina Jimenez	2012	Monique Wolkoff
2019	Colleen Nunn	2011	Eun Sik (Charlie) Yu
2018	Jessica Roestenburg	2010	Brittney Sevo Weinert
2017	Hiral Khatri	2005	Amy Olney
2016	Noelani Brisbane	2002	Heather J. Kitching
2015	Cynthia Ting	2001	Elizabeth Chung

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

2020	Diana Su-Erickson	2007	Annette Bushong
2018	Julie Bissell Lisa Test Capitol Advocacy	2006	Marlene Steele, Chuck Strauch
2011	Amy Lamb	1991	Linda Lederer
2010	Florence Clark, Judith Palladino	1990	Julie Groves
2009	Penny Moyers Cleveland, Brian J. Stiger, Chuck Willmarth	1989	Hazel Simin
		1987	Jeanette Workman- Cosentino
2008	Annette Bushong, Charles Strauch	1986	Barbara Forte

HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBER

2016	Florence Clark, Diane Mayfield, Judith Palladino	Recognized prior to 1977 Carolyn Brinn, Florence Cromwell, Doris Cutting Naomi Dommke Elizabeth Holdeman Ethlyn Stinson Carlotta Welles Harriet Zlatohlavek
2006	Lois Barber, Evelyn Jaffe, Lela Llorens, Mary Reilly	
2004	Ruth Zemke, Elizabeth Yerxa	

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