

Contributor Award Winners

Bill and Sherry Freese Contributor Award

2026	Joe Balvanz	Ankeny	and	Troy Troncin	Urbandale
2025	Jesse Jablonski			Pella	
2024	Roger Hoel	Iowa City	and	James McCollough	Zephyr Caps
2023	Troy Rood & Mark Mellman / Tim Fleming - KGLO radio Mason City				
2022	Cedar Rapids Tourism		and	Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Co.	
2021	None Awarded				
2020	Randy and Lori Snyder			Carroll	
2019	Devin Schwiesow-St. Ansgar and Trent Eckstaine-LeMars				
2018	Dave Dirkx-Waukee, Michael Barta-Johnston, Mark Hey-Ankeny				
2017	Troy Rood and Dan Mason			Mason City	
2016	John Oswald and Kriby Wright			Mizuno	
2015	Jeremy Langner			Waverly-Shell Rock	
2014	Brad Rose			West Des Moines Valley / AD	
2013	Musco Sports Lighting			Oskaloosa	
2012	Brenda Kalamaja and staff			Marriott Hotel Cedar Rapids	
2011	Dave and Kendra Rock			Wheatland	
2010	Jim Gossett and Barry Bruner			Carroll	
2009	Jim Darby			Easton Sports	
2008	Tom and Linda Souhrada			Davenport	
2007	Dr. Bradley Hammer			West Des Moines	
2006	Jack Roeder			Cedar Rapids Kernels	
2005	Charles Harris			Pro-Line Hat Company	
2004	Gary Paulsen			Ogden	
2003	Paul and Terri Keitel			DeWitt	
2002	John Reglein			Carroll	
2001	Dr. Ralph Plagman			CR Washington / Principal	
2000	Gary Nyhus			Clear Lake	
1999	Scott Broghamer			University of Iowa / coach	

1998	Lanny Peterson	Cedar Rapids
1997	Lenny and Sue Weih	Clinton
1996	Boyd Murray	University of Iowa / trainer

Marv Thelen Contributor Award

1995	Dan Pomeroy and Ed Spindler	Coon Rapids
1994	Lee Toole	Council Bluffs
1993	Richard "Duke" Lee	Cedar Rapids
1992	Fr. Craig Collison	Remsen
1991	Larry Leverenz	University of Iowa / trainer
1990	Gene Kopecky	Cedar Rapids / IHSBCA Attorney
1989	Don Bergman and Cliff Brees	Cedar Rapids

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1988	Bill and Sherry Freese	Davenport
1987	Paul Knapp	Des Moines
1986	C. Clayton Burstrand	Omaha / Pamida
1985	Phil Netolicky	Cedar Rapids / Eby's
1984	Richard Reipe	Burlington
1983	Dave Harty	Boone / IHSAA
1982	Duane Banks	University of Iowa / coach
1981	Jerry + Bill Mrozinski	Cedar Rapids / McDonald's
	John Streif	University of Iowa
1980	Bill Pitlick	Cedar Rapids / Pepsi-Cola
1979	Gene Sybe	Muscatine - Bandag - AStar Sponsor
1978	Tom Strode	Des Moines - Ruan - AStar Sponsor
1977	John Klippstein	Chicago
1976	Lowell Fullmer	Iowa Board of Control-Wall Lake
1975	Wayne Burns	Decorah / Superintendent
1974	Ken Curran	Cedar Rapids / Printer
1973	Harold Blake	Muscatine / Newspaper
	Don Nau	Cedar Rapids / Principal
1972	Tait Cummins	Cedar Rapids / WMT-Radio