Honorees of the Iowa Public Health Association

Henry Albert Memorial Award was named in honor of the Commissioner of the IDPH from 1926-1930 and recognizes distinguished leadership in public health in Iowa.

2018 - Shirley Stephen (Mason City)
2017 - Barb Baker (Des Moines County)
2016 - Christopher Atchison (Iowa City)
2015 - James Hodina (Linn County)
2014 - Barbara Khal (Iowa City)
2013 - Mary O’Brien (Polk County)
2012 - Mary Mincer Hanson (Panora)
2011 - Tom Newton (Windsor Heights)
2010 - Thomas A. O’Rourke (Waterloo)
2009 - Jennifer Becker (Butler County)
2007 - Lawrence E. Barker (Davenport)
2006 - Edward Bottei, MD, FCCP (Sioux City)
  Lawrence Nova Rohret - special recognition award posthumously
2005 - Ron Osterholm (Mason City)
2004 - Janice Edmunds-Wells (Des Moines)
2003 - Mary Gilchrist (Solon)
2002 - David Fries (West Des Moines)
2001 - L. Graham Dameron (Iowa City)
1996 - John H. Sunderbuch, MD (Davenport)
1994 - Marcia Rygh (Winnebago County)
1993 - Carolyn Washburn (Hastings)
1992 - Richard Remington (Iowa City) - awarded posthumously
1991 - award not given
1990 - Mary Ellis (Des Moines)
1989 - Sharon Hawn (Iowa City)
1988 - Thomas Gary, MD (Cherokee)
1987 - Anne Snell (Ida Grove)
1986 - Thomas Corothers (Sioux City)
1985 - Norman Pawlewski (Des Moines)
1984 - Sharon Hawn (Iowa City)
1982 - Naomi Ida (Rock Rapids)
  Grace Lohmann (Washington)
1980 - Ronald Eckoff, MD (Des Moines)
1978 - Harriet Tingler (Dubuque) - awarded posthumously
1973 - Marilyn Russell (Des Moines)
1970 - Thelma Luther (Ames)
1969 - Julius Conner (Des Moines)
1968 - Arthur Long (Des Moines)
Local Board of Health Award recognizes outstanding service and dedicated leadership of board of health members at the local level. Local Boards of Health: support the mission of public health; serve as an advocate for core public health functions; communicate with local stakeholders and constituents; develop public health policy; assure compliance with legal responsibilities; and understand and support quality and accountable practices. Meeting future public health challenges is dependent upon capable and dedicated Board of Health leadership.

2015 - Linn County Public Health // Scott County Public Health
2012 - Jones County
2011 - Dallas County
2010 - Clay County
2009 - City of Council Bluffs
2008 - Black Hawk County
2007 - Lee County
2006 - Marion County
2005 - Marshall County
1996 - Butler County
1994 - Palo Alto County
1993 - Dallas County
1992 - Calhoun County
1991 - Cerro Gordo County
1990 - Humboldt County
1989 - Johnson County
1988 - Carroll County
1987 - Harrison County
1986 - Black Hawk County
1985 - award not given
1984 - award not given
1982 - Linn County
1978 - Sioux County
1976 - Cherokee County
1971 - Dickinson County
1970 - Appanoose County
1969 - Council Bluffs County
1968 - Linn County
Richard Remington Award recognizes an individual, a team of individuals, or a community/business that has excelled in the advancement of public health. Eligibility requires excellence in advancing new or existing public health promotion/prevention initiatives or a long-term educational dedication to public health.  

*Prior to 1993, this was known as the Healthy Iowans 2000.*

2018 - Michelle Lewis, Angela Drent, Becky Carlson, Leann Orr (Siouxland District)
2017 - Kelli Gerdes (Cerro Gordo County)
2016 - Cerro Gordo County Arsenic Project (Cerro Gordo County)
2015 - Dr. Tom Davis (Cedar Falls)
2014 - Dr. Peter D. Wallace (Iowa City)
2013 - Peggy Stecklein (Dallas County)
2012 - Shaela Meister (Des Moines)
2011 - Ruby Perin (Waterloo)
2010 - Lawrence E. Barker (Bettendorf)
2009 - Louise Lex (Ames)
2008 - Carrie M. Fitzgerald (Des Moines)
2007 - Kathleen D. Widelski (Des Moines)
2006 - Frances Sadden (Sioux City)
2005 - Michele Yehieli and Mark Grey (Cedar Falls)
2004 - Jane Schadle (Des Moines)
2002 - Ronald Eckoff (Cumming)
2000 - Christopher Atchison (Iowa City)
1996 - Carleton Nordschow, MD, PhD (Winneshiek County)
1994 - Siouxland District Health Department
1993 - Gary Peasley, MD (Marshalltown)
        Jean Lakin, PhD, RN (Iowa City)
1992 - Fayette County Healthy People 2000*
1991 - Greene County Medical Center*
**Thelma Luther Award** recognizes a local public health nurse who has made outstanding contributions in her field. Eligibility requires employment in a public health nursing agency, in Iowa, for at least five years, providing direct patient care. This award was named to honor Thelma Luther, the Director of Public Health Nursing in the 1960s and 1970s.

- **2018** - Mona Scaletta (Sioux City)
- **2017** - Delma Hardin (Delaware County)
- **2016** - Amy Marlow (Buchanan County)
- **2013** - Donna Sutton (Greene County)
- **2012** - Chris Morphew (Polk County)
- **2011** - Vickie Smith (Linn County)
- **2010** - LaVonne Wolf (Mitchell County)
- **2008** - Linda Woldruff (Emmet County)
- **2005** - Gloria Dielschneider (Grundy Center)
- **2004** - Margaret McNalley (Emmetsburg)
- **2001** - Joyce Legg
- **1996** - Cora Hunt (Howard County)
- **1994** - Elaine Boes (Ely)
- **1993** - Mary Gengerke
- **1992** - Mavis Stoner (Cherokee)
- **1991** - Madonna Johnson (Estherville)
- **1990** - Darlene Peterson (Albert City)
- **1989** - Ethel Mack (Rockwell City)
- **1988** - Sandra Crandell (Leon)
- **1987** - Sharon Bragg (Spirit Lake)
- **1986** - Vivian Lynn (Milford)
- **1985** - Jeanne Calkins (Fonda)
- **1984** - Colleen Lemkuil (Des Moines)
- **1982** - Janet Irving (Osceola)
- **1980** - Reba Seering (Webster City)
Harry Grant Award is intended to be awarded only to individuals who exemplified superior lifetime performance in environmental health. It is not to be given merely out each year but only on infrequent occasion awarded to those who deserve such and who went well above and beyond to give service to the public and fellow professionals.

2018 - Dennis Heimdal (Milford)
2016 - Brian Hanft (Cerro Gordo County)
2015 - Jon McNamee (Black Hawk) // Mike Sukup (Mills)
2012 - Tammy McKeever (Spencer)
2011 - Eric Bradley (Davenport)
2010 - Nancy H. Hall (Iowa City)
2009 - Aimee Devereaux (O’Brien County)
2007 - Ken Sharp (Altoona)
2005 - Michael Wichman (Iowa City)
2002 - Ken Choquette (Des Moines)
1993 - Rita Gergely (Des Moines)
1991 - Bud Rushenberg (Des Moines)
1989 - Tom Corothers (Sioux City)
1988 - Robert Leggett (Des Moines)
1987 - Ken Choquette (Des Moines)
1985 - Mark Linda (Waterloo)
1984 - Al Moore (Davenport)

Public Health Officer of the Year Award recognizes local, state, or federal policy makers for significant contributions, support, and promotion of public health in their communities and/or state of Iowa. Eligibility requires policy makers that educate about critical public health issues, as well as, recognize the impact of legislative and regulatory actions on local public health. Award winners exemplify outstanding contributions that have led to the betterment of public health.

2017 - David Johnson (Iowa State Senator)
2016 - Kirsten Running-Marquardt (Linn County)
2015 - Linda Langston (Linn County Board of Health/Linn County Board of Supervisors)
2014 - Art Staed (Iowa State Representative)
2013 - Lisa Heddens (Iowa State Representative)
2010 - Patty Judge (Lt. Governor)
2009 - Jack Hatch (Iowa State Senator)
2007 - Ro Foege (Iowa State Representative)
2006 - Amanda Ragan (Iowa State Senator), Linda Upmeyer (Iowa State Representative)
2005 - Tom Harkin (Iowa U.S. Senator)
1996 - Charles Grassley (Iowa U.S. Senator)
1994 - Lee Plasier (Iowa State Representative)
1993 - Tom Harkin (Iowa U.S. Senator)
1992 - David Osterberg (Iowa State Representative)
Lillian Wald Award has been developed to honor a nurse who has provided exemplary public health nursing practice on behalf of the public in the state of Iowa. Nominees must have demonstrated initiative and resourcefulness in developing efforts to improve the health of the public through political, legislative, professional or interdisciplinary activism. Achievements should represent a leadership role in one or more of the following arenas: promoting social reform activities for client groups, influencing health policy and health laws, collaborating with physicians, legislators and public officials or strengthening public health nursing practice. Nominations should include a current professional resume and a minimum of two letters of testimony.

2018 - Melissa Walker (Stuart)
2010 - Julie McMahon (Windsor Heights)
2007 - Mary Weaver (Rippey)
2004 - Pamela Willard (Iowa City)
1999 - Linda Read (Mason City)
1996 - Jacqueline Butler (Hamilton County)

Go the Distance Award recognizes a public health official who has gone above and beyond the call of duty over the previous year.

2018 - Rachel Stolz (Council Bluffs)
2017 - Kristy Vogel (Calhoun County)
2016 - Margot Voshell (Jasper County)
2015 - Jill France (Des Moines)
2013 - Chris Espersen (Des Moines)
2011 - Carol Voss and Susan Klein (Des Moines)
2010 - Pearl Scherrman (Dubuque)
2009 - Maureen Myshock (Des Moines)
2008 - Wendy Ringenberg (Des Moines)
2007 - Elizabeth Faber (Garner)
2006 - Linda Drey (Sioux City)