2023 AATSP Annual Awards

Each year the AATSP offers a number of awards that recognize the achievements of AATSP members. The awardees are honored during the AATSP Annual Conference.

Please click on the name of the specific award below for a description of the award, selection criteria and nominating procedures.

Send your nominations to: awards@aatsp.org.

1. AATSP Awards Application Form (PDF)- This application form is used for all awards, except the Vargas Llosa Award.

2. AATSP Chapter of the Year Award- The AATSP Chapter of the Year Award is presented to the chapter that demonstrates outstanding chapter activities along with membership participation. A $500 honorarium for the winning chapter accompanies this award.

3. AATSP Outstanding Service Award- The AATSP Outstanding Service Award is given to a member in good standing of the Association who has made outstanding service contributions to the Association. A $500 honorarium for the winner teacher accompanies this award.

4. AATSP Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards- The AATSP Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards are given to teachers of Spanish or Portuguese representing the following four categories; Elementary Level (K-8), Secondary Level (9-12), Two-year College Level, College or University Level. A $500 honorarium accompanies each of the awards.
   - Elementary Level (Grades K-8)
   - Secondary Level (Grades 9-12)
   - Two-year College Level
   - College or University Level

5. AATSP Distinguished Leadership Award- The AATSP Distinguished Leadership Award is given to an AATSP member in good standing who has shown leadership within the profession as a whole and who has made scholarly contributions to the profession. A $500 honorarium accompanies this award.

6. Mario Vargas Llosa Award- To be granted yearly to one undergraduate Spanish major or minor who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in all upper-division courses completed and exemplary involvement in extra-curricular activities as related to Spanish.
2022 Award Winners

The Distinguished Leadership Award was not awarded in 2021.

- **2022 Lifetime Achievement Award**: Frank Nuessel, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY—The AATSP Lifetime Achievement Award honors educator-leaders who have made significant contributions to the advancement of the Association over time. This award is bestowed at the discretion of the AATSP Board of Directors.

- **2022 Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)**: Alicia Quintero, Walter Payton College Preparatory High School, Chicago, IL

- **2022 Teacher of the Year Awards**
  - Elementary (PreK-8): Nadine Jacobsen-McLean, Hawthorne Elementary, Louisville, KY
  - Secondary (9-12): DiAnne Johnson Evans High School, Evans, GA
  - Two-Year College Level: Elia López, Harry S. Truman College, Chicago, IL
  - Four-Year College/University Level: Fernanda Ferreira, Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA

- **2022 Outstanding Scholarly Publication Award**: Chin-Sook Pak, Ball State University, Muncie, IN

- **2022 Outstanding Service Award**: Jennifer Brady, University of Minnesota Duluth, Duluth, MN

- **2022 Chapter of the Year Award**: New York Metro Chapter, New York City, NY

- **2022 Mario Vargas Llosa Award**: Denisse Quintanilla, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ

- **2022 Lifetime Achievement**: Mary-Anne Vetterling Regis College, Lexington, MA

- **2022 Lawrence Wilkins Founder’s Award**: Consejería de Educación en Estados Unidos y Canadá, Embajada de España

2021 Award Winners

The Chapter of the Year Award was not awarded in 2021.

- **2021 Lifetime Achievement Award**: Frank Nuessel, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY—The AATSP Lifetime Achievement Award honors educator-leaders who have made significant contributions to the advancement of the Association over time. This award is bestowed at the discretion of the AATSP Board of Directors.

- **2021 Teacher of the Year Awards**
  - Elementary (K-8): Jessica Burns, The Weiss School, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
  - Secondary (9-12): Lisa Stone, Sevier County High School, Sevierville, TN
  - Two-Year College Level: Stacy Amling, Des Moines Area Community College, Des Moines, IA
  - Four-Year College/University Level: John T. Maddox IV, University of Alabama at
Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

- **2021 Outstanding Scholarly Publication Award**: Kyeong-Min Lee, Chosun University, Gwangju, Republic of Korea
- **2021 Outstanding Service Award**: Mark Del Mastro, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC
- **2021 Distinguished Leadership Award**: Anne Fountain, San José State University, San José, CA
- **2021 Mario Vargas Llosa Award**: Kathryn Petersen, Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN
- **2021 Lawrence Wilkins Founder’s Award**: Gladys Wisnefski, (Posthumous)

2020 Award Winners

- **2020 AATSP Lifetime Achievement Award**: The AATSP Lifetime Achievement Award honors educator-leaders who have made significant contributions to the advancement of the Association over time. This award is bestowed at the discretion of the AATSP Board of Directors.
- **2020 Elementary School (K-8) Level Teacher of the Year**
- **2020 Secondary School (9-12) Level Teacher of the Year**
- **2020 Four-Year College or University Level Teacher of the Year**
- **2020 Outstanding Scholarly Publication Award**
- **2020 Chapter of the Year Award**
- **2020 Mario Vargas Llosa Award**
2019 Award Winners

- 2019 AATSP Lifetime Achievement Award
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- 2019 Elementary School (K-8) Level Teacher of the Year
- 2019 Secondary School (9-12) Level Teacher of the Year
- 2019 Two-Year College Level Teacher of the Year
- 2019 Four-Year College or University Level Teacher of the Year
- 2019 Outstanding Scholarly Publication Award
- 2019 Chapter of the Year Award
- 2019 Mario Vargas Llosa Award

2018 Award Winners

- 2018 Chapter of the Year Award
- 2018 Distinguished Leadership Award
- 2018 Mario Vargas Llosa Award
- 2018 Outstanding Scholarly Publication Award
- 2018 Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards

2017 Award Winners

- 2017 Chapter of the Year Award
- 2017 Robert G. Mead Jr. Distinguished Leadership Award
- 2017 Outstanding Scholarly Publication Award
- 2017 Outstanding Service Award
- 2017 Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards

2016 Award Winners

- 2016 Chapter of the Year Award
- 2016 Robert G. Mead Jr. Distinguished Leadership Award
- 2016 Outstanding Scholarly Publication Award
- 2016 Outstanding Service Award
- 2016 Outstanding Teacher of the Year Awards
- 2016 Xperitas Language Matters Award

2015 Award Winners

- 2015 ISE Language Matters Award
- 2015 Robert G. Mead Jr. Distinguished Leadership Award
- 2015 Scholarly Publication Award
- 2015 Teacher of the Year Awards
2014 Award Winners

- 2014 Chapter of the Year Award
- 2014 Scholarly Publication Award
- 2014 Outstanding Service Award
- 2014 Teacher of the Year Awards

2013 Award Winners

- 2013 Chapter of the Year Award
- 2013 Scholarly Publication Award
- 2013 Outstanding Service Award
- 2013 Teacher of the Year Award