



2018 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Guidelines for Nominations

To make a nomination, please send all of the following information to AABC :

- Nominee's name, degrees, address, telephone number, and email address.
- Category for which person is being nominated
- Evidence of meeting the criteria for this award
- Person who is making nomination, address, telephone number, and email address.

Send to: AABC Awards Committee

3123 Gottschall Road - Perkiomenville, PA 18074

Fax: 215-234-8829 / Email: Awards@BirthCenters.org.

Deadline for 2018 Nominations: **JULY 25, 2018**

Criteria for Awards

PROFESSIONAL

1. Licensed practitioner in an out-of-hospital setting for 5 years and/or member of AABC for 5 years.
2. Actively supportive of birth centers as an alternative birth site option in the community.
3. Active in promoting birth centers as a cost-effective, health oriented alternative for low risk, healthy women and families in areas of well-woman care, pregnancy, labor, birth and the newborn period.
4. Has contributed to the advancement and/or establishment of birth centers in the United States.
5. Active in promoting ongoing community support of the basic philosophy of birth centers to the public (i.e. through public speaking, published articles, etc.)
6. Politically active and aware of the problems facing birth centers in the past and present. Committed to improving birth centers in the future; through continued upholding of birth centers as safe alternative care for women.

COLLABORATING PHYSICIAN

1. Collaborating physician for a freestanding birth center for 5 years and/or member of AABC for 5 years.
2. Actively supportive of birth centers as an alternative birth site option in the community.
3. Active in promoting birth centers as a cost-effective, health oriented alternative for low risk, healthy women and families in areas of well-woman care, pregnancy, labor, birth and the newborn period.
4. Has contributed to the advancement and/or establishment of birth centers in the United States.
5. Active in promoting ongoing community support of the basic philosophy of birth centers to the public (i.e. through public speaking, published articles, etc.)
6. Politically active and aware of the problems facing birth centers in the past and present. Committed to improving birth centers in the future through continued upholding of birth centers as safe alternative care for women.

COMMUNITY

1. Supportive of the basic philosophies of birth centers regarding preventive health oriented care for women and their infants in pregnancy, labor, birth and the newborn period.
2. Through community awareness programs and/or projects has contributed to the growth of birth centers or promotes birth centers as an alternate, cost effective health care option (i.e. - sponsoring support groups, lobbying to make legislators aware of consumer needs, talking to large groups, etc.)
3. Is a consumer of a birth center who is committed to the birth center future as the community health care option for normal, low risk women and their families.

MEDIA

1. Supportive of basic philosophies of birth centers regarding preventive health oriented care for women and their infants in pregnancy, labor, birth and the newborn period.
2. Accurate reporting of birth centers as an alternative safe, cost effective site for birth through excellence in newscasting, journalism, video promotion, websites, etc.
3. Active in support, through media, of alternative health care options and health care providers to promote health and wellness in the community.

PUBLIC ADVOCATE

1. Active in sponsoring and/or supporting legislation supportive of the concept of birth centers and the basic philosophy of AABC.
2. Active in support of reimbursement from both private insurance and federal funds.
3. Supportive of preventive, health oriented, cost effective health care for all.
4. Supportive of health care alternatives and alternative health practitioners as safe, cost effective health care options for normal, low risk women and their families.

Past Recipients of the AABC Achievement AwardsPROFESSIONAL

1992	Sr. Angela Murdaugh, CNM
1993	Ruth Shiers, CNM
1994	Phyllis Leppert, MD
1995	Marion McCartney, CNM
1996	Edith Wonnell, CNM and Kitty Ernst, CNM
1997	Mary Lou Longeway, RN & Henry Maicki, MD
1998	Lisa Ross, CNM
1999	Jon Vrtiska, MD
2000	Susan R Stapleton, CNM
2001	Elizabeth Gilmore, CPM
2002	Ann Sober, RN
2003	Robert Crawford, MD
2004	Pat Brewer, CNM
2005	Sandy Williamson, CNM
2006	Denise Roy, CNM
2007	not awarded
2008	Roberta Frank, CNM
2009	Margaret Dorroh, CNM
2010	Kathryn Schrag, CNM
2011	Melanie Dossey
2012	Kenneth Blau, MD
2013	Jill Alliman, CNM

2014 Paula Bernini Feigal, LM, CPM

2015 Fran Wertman, CNM

2016 Maureen Darcey, CNM

2017 Abigail Lanin Eaves, CNM

COLLABORATING PHYSICIAN

2005 Josh Gettinger, MD

2006 Elizabeth Stifel, MD

2007 Owen Bell, MD

2008 Dominic Cammarano, DO

2009 Henry Ramini, MD

2010 Stephen Guy, MD

2011 Menachem Miodovnik

2012 Shanti Mohling, MD

2013 Glen Elrod, MD

Martha Carlough, MD and the UNC Dept of Family Medicine

2014 James Martin, MD

2015 Leon Schimmel, MD

2016 Lawrence Leeman, MD

Janice Anderson, MD

2017 Lisa Johnson, MD and the OB Hospitalist Physicians at Alaska Medical Center

COMMUNITY

1992 Phyllis Rothschild
 1993 Stanley Fisch, MD
 1994 Barbara Cattermole & Rosemary Frank Vitale
 1996 Janette Schneider
 1997 The Council for Empowering Childbearing Families
 1998 Marjorie Jordan, RN, ACCE
 1999 Samuel Petre
 2000 Janet Hall
 2001 Jean Douglas Smith
 2002 Monroe County Executive and the Board of Directors of the Women's Wellness and Maternity Center
 2003 not awarded
 2004 Ann Ross
 2005 not awarded
 2006 Claudia Booker
 2007 not awarded
 2008 Marisa Page
 2009 not awarded
 2010 Amy Polk (in memoriam)
 2011 Judith Treistman
 2012 Amy Swagman
 2013 not awarded
 2014 Amy Saloner & Jen Aliano – Natural Baby Pros
 2015 Rebecca Romero-Rainey
 2016 not awarded
 2017 Tricia Balazovic
 Megan Brown

MEDIA

1992 Jamie Bolane
 1993 Henci Goer
 1994 Polly Wells
 1995 Sarah Peasley
 1996 Diane Mason, RN
 1997 Cindy Richards
 1998 Diony Young
 1999 Cindy Loose
 2001 Banyan Productions
 2002 not awarded
 2003 W.K. Kellogg Foundation
 2004 Polly Wells
 2005 Jennifer Fink
 2006 Paula Wilmont
 2007 not awarded
 2008 Wolf Creek Media Productions
 2009 Manic Productions
 2010 Pat Jones, CNM
 2011 Chad Harper
 2012 not awarded
 2013 not awarded
 2014 Eugene DeClercq, PhD
 2015 Judy Norsigian / Our Bodies Ourselves
 2016 Michelle Munz
 2017 Linda Cole, CNM & Melissa Avery, CNM

PUBLIC ADVOCATE

1992 The Honorable Michael O'Pake
 1993 Governor Lawton Chiles
 1994 Charles Mahan, MD
 1995 Sidney Wolfe, MD and Mary Gabay for Public Citizen
 1996 Senator Lucy Killea
 1997 Phillip Lee
 1998 Anne Richter, CNM
 1999 Chuck Wray
 2000 Colleen Conway-Welch, CNM
 2001 Barbara Levin, MD
 2002 not awarded
 2003 William Lubic
 2004 Lonnie Morris, CNM
 2005 not awarded
 2006 not awarded
 2007 Senator Bettye Davis
 2008 not awarded
 2009 Sponsors of the Birth Center Medicaid Reimbursement Act: Representatives Susan Davis, Lois Capps, Gus Bilirakis and Rob Wittman; Senators Barbara Boxer and Mark Begich
 2010 Jill Alliman, CNM and Karen Fennell RN
 2011 Edwards Barham and Susan Jenkins
 2012 James "Ed" Daughtry
 2013 Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
 2014 Representative Eleanor Holmes Norton
 2015 Kendra Wyatt
 2016 Utah Senator Deidre Henderson
 2017 Midwives Association of Washington State (MAWS)