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## Secretary Lewis Presents Gold Medal to Boehner

### 123 Employees Receive Awards

Saying he was impressed by the "high caliber of civil servants in this department," Secretary Drew Lewis presented awards to 123 career employees at the 14th annual Department of Transportation awards ceremony on September 15.

Lewis gave the gold medal, DOT's highest civilian award, to Walter R. Boehner, the department's budget director, who retired on September 19.

Forty-two honorees received the Secretary's award for meritorious achievement, the silver medal. Fifty-three honorees received awards for excellence, and seven employees received awards for outstanding achievements in equal opportunity.

In his remarks to the award recipients at the Departmental Auditorium, Secretary Lewis said all DOT employees "deserve credit for a job well done" and that the awards ceremony honors "the best and brightest among you."

The awards resulted from the willingness of these employees to be held accountable, which Lewis called "perhaps the most important prerequisite of public service."



"Accountability," he noted, "is looking for better ways to accomplish program goals, having the courage to bury a program which has outlived its usefulness, paying closer attention to the kind of job you do, and accepting responsibility for the outcome."

Cmdr. John Edward Shkor, Coast Guard legal officer in the Miami district office, received the Lawrence R. Schneider Award, and seven Coast Guardsmen and three FAA employees received medals for heroic acts on or off duty.

The cost avoidance, reduction and efficiency award, a new honor, was given to eight employees.

The award for the outstanding physically handicapped DOT employee went to Rock A. Bazzle, who works at NHTSA's Vehicle Research Test Center.

Before the awards presentation, Deputy Secretary Darrell M. Trent officially welcomed the Maritime Administration to DOT from the Department of Commerce and introduced Adm. Harold E. Shear, Maritime Administrator-Designate.

Walter R. Boehner, the Department of Transportation's former budget director and now a special budget advisor, has received the Secretary's award for outstanding achievement, the gold medal, which is DOT's highest civilian award.

The award was given for his assistance in developing the department's budget and legislative proposals in support of the President's economic recovery program.

In making the presentation to Boehner at the awards ceremony, Secretary Drew Lewis called him the "dean" of the department's budget officers and said he appreciated the expert service Boehner had provided to him.



BOEHNER

Boehner, 63, retired from the department on September 19, after 39 years of federal service. He is currently serving as the principal advisor to Donald A. Derman, Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, and is still consulted on a variety of technical and procedural matters by budget staffs of the Executive Branch and Congress.

Boehner's distinguished civil service career began with the U.S. Weather Bureau in the Department of Commerce in 1946, following four years of military service with the U.S. Navy. He joined the Airways Modernization Board in 1958, just before it was merged into the newly formed Federal Aviation Agency.

Boehner later was appointed special assistant to the Weather Bureau's deputy chief for policy planning and resource allocation and was on detail for one year to the Bureau of the Budget to assist in a congressional study concerning coordination of federal programs for atmospheric science and meteorology.

Following his permanent assignment to the Budget Bureau in 1963, he worked on a broad range of transportation programs and assisted in developing legislation to form DOT. In 1967, he was named the Budget Bureau's assistant director for transportation.

Boehner joined DOT in 1970 as budget director and served in that position until his retirement this year.

His other DOT honors are two Secretary's awards for meritorious achievement (silver medals), a Secretary's award certificate and a Senior Executive Service bonus award.

Boehner received his bachelor's degree from Boston College and master's degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and New York University. He is married and has two grown children, Walter Jr. and Elizabeth.

## Eight Employees Receive CARE Awards

The Secretary's cost avoidance, reduction and efficiency award is given to employees who have excelled in identifying and implementing cost avoidance, reduction and efficiency measures.

Three Coast Guard employees, four FHWA employees, and one RSPA employee received CARE awards at the 14th annual awards ceremony.

Rear Admiral Henry H. Bell, chief of the Office of Merchant Marine Safety, received the award for establishing an agreement with the American Bureau of Shipping which resulted in substantial savings to the public.

Lieutenant Stanley J. Walz, C-130 systems manager in the Aeronautical Engineering Division, received the award for achieving substantial savings of time and money for C-130 depot repair.

Edward L. Ziff, program analyst in the Office of Merchant Marine Safety, received the award for developing and implementing staffing priorities which resulted in saving \$2 million.

The four FHWA employees who received CARE awards were: David C. Briggs, structural engineer, Albany, New York; Homer B. Norris, Jr., structural

engineer, Albany, New York; Walter Podolny, Jr., structural engineer, Washington, D.C.; and Frank D. Sears, supervisory structural engineer, Washington, D.C. They received the awards for saving \$3.3 million through

the use of alternative bridge design concepts on New York I-84.

Virginia A. Levin, chief of RSPA's Information Systems Division, received the CARE award for elimination of the cargo security information system.



BELL



WALZ



ZIFF



BRIGGS



NORRIS



PODOLNY



SEARS



LEVIN

# 42 Are Given Silver Medals

The silver medal, the department's award for meritorious service, is given for exceptionally meritorious service or exceptional achievement.

Forty-two of the department's employees received silver medals at the 14th annual awards ceremony.

## Office of the Secretary

**John D. Demeter**, public information specialist, for superior performance as principal speech writer for the Secretary and Deputy Secretary.

**Cdr. James B. Ellis II**, secretarial representative for law of the sea, for exceptional performance in connection with the U.N. Law of the Sea Conference and maritime policy development.

**Robert E. Jones**, director, Transportation Computer Center, for outstanding leadership in developing a modern, efficient, customer oriented computer center.

**Arnold L. Levine**, chief, Trade and Foreign Projects Division, for outstanding contributions in developing the department's response to problems of the U.S. automobile industry.

**Robert D. Nutter**, senior operations research analyst, for outstanding contributions in developing the department's response to problems of the U.S. automobile industry.

**Bruce I. Selfon**, chief, International Aviation Division, for contributions to the development of legislative proposals to minimize regulation of the U.S. air transport industry.

**Charles H. Shadwell, Jr.**, budget officer, for outstanding performance in coordinating and integrating the department's budget development and operations.

**Charles Swinburn**, deputy assistant secretary for policy and international affairs, for outstanding contributions in developing the department's response to problems of the U.S. automobile industry.

**Donald R. Trilling**, director, Office of Industry Policy, for outstanding contributions in developing the department's response to problems of the U.S. automobile industry.

## U.S. Coast Guard

**Michael W. Christensen**, environmental program specialist, for significant contribution to development of the Comprehensive Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980.

**Kenneth F. Doolan**, chief, Industrial Hygiene Branch, for exceptional contributions to the Coast Guard in the area of occupational health.

**Carol A. Grant**, chief, Pay Systems Evaluation Branch, for outstanding leadership and perseverance in establishing and implementing the acceptance testing of Coast Guard JUMPS.

**Stephen J. Niezgoda**, assistant chief, Management Analysis Division, for outstanding contributions to the management of the U.S. Coast Guard.

## Federal Aviation Administration

**Thomas F. Brennan, Jr.**, building program manager, FAA Technical Center, for outstanding competence in completing construction of the technical building.

**John A. Buck**, employee development specialist, for exceptional leadership in the design and development of the FAA computer based instruction system.

**James E. Densmore**, chief, noise abatement division, for contributions to the control and reduction of aircraft sonic boom.

**Frank L. Frisbie**, director, Logistics Service, for outstanding contributions and innovative leadership in promoting the department's equal employment opportunity and minority business enterprise programs.

**Edward M. Kelly**, chief, Airway Facilities Programs Division, for meritorious performance and managerial excellence in planning and directing FAA's facilities and equipment capital investment program.

**Dr. Edmund J. Koenke**, deputy director, Office of Systems Engineering Management, for exceptional leadership, professionalism, and technical competence in developing the aircraft separation assurance program.

**Frank D. Munroe**, executive officer, FAA Technical Center, for outstanding competence in completing construction of the technical building.

**Joseph R. Tucker, Jr.**, chief, Systems Integration Branch, for significant managerial and technical integration efforts contributing to the furthering of FAA's research and development programs.

## Federal Highway Administration

**Dowell H. Anders**, deputy chief counsel, for outstanding performance of duties in providing legal services to FHWA.

**Alvin L. Frank**, deputy regional administrator, for superior and meritorious accomplishments and management innovations.

**Paul D. Gregson**, division administrator, for exemplary administration of the emergency relief program responding to the Mt. St. Helens eruptions.

**Leon N. Larson**, director, Office of Environmental Policy, for exceptional leadership in resolving social, economic, and environmental factors affecting major highway projects.

**George M. Shrieves**, director, National Highway Institute, for high standards of personal and professional performance.



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COTHEN      CUDAHY      DEMETER      DENSMORE      DOOLAN      ELLIS      EPHRAIM



FRANK      FRISBIE      GRANT      GREGSON      HASSLER      HORNING      IBARRA



JOHN      JONES, F.      JONES, R.      KELLY      KENNEDY      KOENKE      LARSON



LEVINE      McMANUS      MUNROE      MUNTER      NELSON      NIEZGODA      NUTTER



SELFON      SHADWELL      SHRIEVES      SWINBURN      TRILLING      TUCKER      UNDERWOOD

## Federal Railroad Administration

**Jane H. Bachner**, chief, Industry Economics and Regulatory Analysis Division, for economic analyses and related support of the department's position concerning regulation of the railroad industry.

**Grady C. Cothen, Jr.**, special assistant to the chief counsel, for outstanding contributions to the railroad safety program and the department's efforts to return Conrail to the private sector.

**Frank H. Jones**, general manager, the Alaska Railroad, for outstanding professional contributions to the Railroad.

**Joanne C. Underwood**, secretary-stenographer, Office of the Administrator, for dedicated and competent administrative and executive support.

## National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

**Conrad H. Cooke**, systems engineer, for providing critically important analyses of present and projected use of safety belts and of factors that influence the usage and effectiveness of truck braking improvements.

**Frank Ephraim**, director, Office of Program Evaluation, for exceptional ability in organizing and conducting NHTSA's evaluation of motor vehicle regulations.

**Donald E. Nelson**, director, Office of Financial Management, for exceptional accomplishments in NHTSA regional and headquarters financial management and accounting and grants administration.

## Urban Mass Transportation Administration

**Brian J. Cudahy**, director, Office of Transit Management, for imaginative development of program plans and policies to improve transit performance.

**Barbara A. Ibarra**, equal opportunity specialist, for superior accomplishments and outstanding leadership.

**Robert H. McManus**, associate administrator for planning, management and demonstrations, for his analytical abilities and significant contributions to UMTA's legislation and programs.

**Theodore A. Munter**, attorney advisor general, for superior legal counsel to UMTA and the department.

## Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

**William H. Kennedy**, associate administrator and resident manager, for leadership and managerial skills in directing the Corporation's Massena programs.

## Research and Special Programs Administration

**Martin Anderson**, operations research analyst, for outstanding contributions in developing the department's response to problems of the U.S. auto industry.

**Dr. Frank L. Hassler**, director, Office of Systems Research and Analysis, for exceptional leadership in the development and direction of systems analysis and research programs.

**Joseph T. Horning**, supervisory transportation specialist, for significant contribution to the development of regulations for the safe transportation of hazardous materials.

**Richard R. John**, director, Office of Energy and Environment, for outstanding contributions in developing the department's response to problems of the U.S. automobile industry.

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## Excellence Awards Go To 53 Employees

The Secretary's award for excellence is given to employees who have been outstanding in all aspects of their work. Eligibility for the award is limited to employees in grades GS-1 through GS-9 and wage board equivalents.

Fifty-three of the department's employees received excellence awards at the 14th annual awards ceremony.

**Office of the Secretary** — B. Dolores Bailey, David H. Bucia, Mildred E. Davis, Mary L. Dunlap, Harold E. Finney, Ella L. Graham, Carol J. Howsare, Barbara A. Hunter, Annette Izlar, Natalie C. Reifel, and Cleotria D. Willson, all of Washington, D.C.

**U.S. Coast Guard** — Linda A. Goodman, of Washington, D.C.; Mary Rita B. Hofelich, of Louisville, Kentucky; Deborah Ann Hyatt, of Washington, D.C.; James T. Patulak, of New London, Connecticut; and Rosanne Rowe, of New York, New York.

**Federal Aviation Administration** — Linda F. Anderson, of Los Angeles, California; Judith Ann Bain and Patricia P. Carlton, of Washington, D.C.; Ora G. Isaac, of Kansas City, Missouri; Doris L. Jeffers, of Jamaica, New York; Susan L. Jarsulic, of Kansas City, Missouri; Carol A. Mehalo, Louise C. Oertly, and Marion Peter, of Washington, D.C.; and Jeanenne K. Richards, of East Point, Georgia.

**Federal Highway Administration** — Jane I. Bechman and Louise E. Dell, of Washington, D.C.; Linda L. Divelbiss, of Arlington, Virginia; Patty L. Fishel, of Salt Lake City, Utah; Alice S. Murphey, of Richmond, Virginia; and Mary B. Williams, of Madison, Wisconsin.

**Federal Railroad Administration** — Gloria G. De La O, of San Antonio, Texas; and Jennifer M. Gilliam, of Washington, D.C.

**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration** — Gayla C. Barker, of Chicago Heights, Illinois; Philomena C. Hogan, of White Plains, New York; and Joan C. Taylor and Doris C. West, of Washington, D.C.

**Urban Mass Transportation Administration** — Dorothy C. Beaver, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Joyce Larkins, of Fort Worth, Texas; Deana J. McDaniel, of Washington, D.C.; Jacqueline L. Thompson, of Chicago, Illinois; and Mary Tsang, of New York, New York.

**Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation** — E. Elyn Kelly, M. Helen Mittiga, Lloyd M. Robertson, and Louise B. Rothberg, all of Massena, New York.

**Research and Special Programs Administration** — Janette Hixson, of Washington, D.C.; and Virginia J. Maye, Theresa B. McTague, and Sharon S. Quayle, of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**Office of the Inspector General** — Marguerite E. Baker, of Washington, D.C.; and Helene P. Reardon, of Burlington, Massachusetts.



WEST WILLIAMS WILLSON

## Handicapped Worker Honored

Automobile repair and maintenance can be a very difficult job, even for a skilled mechanic. It certainly does not seem to be a suitable occupation for a sightless person. But Rock A. Bazzle of Bellefontaine, Ohio, who has been blind since birth, has not let that stop him from becoming an auto maintenance and repair expert.



BAZZLE

He is employed at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Vehicle Research and Test Center in East Liberty, Ohio, as a tool and parts attendant, and his duties include occasional vehicle maintenance work. He was given the Secretary's award for the outstanding physically handicapped DOT employee at the awards ceremony.

Bazzle, 28, attended the Ohio State School for the Blind in Columbus for 12 years, graduating from high school in 1971 after acquiring special skills in mechanics and electronics. After graduation his jobs included automobile mechanic, piano tuner, and communications equipment repairman. The State of Ohio helped Bazzle by making available to him special instruments and hand tools adapted for use by the visually handicapped.

Bazzle and his state rehabilitation counselor searched for a location where he could demonstrate his unique ability in vehicle maintenance. The NHTSA test center offered to provide a vehicle, tools, and a work space for the evaluation, and the rest was up to Bazzle.

During the test, Bazzle quickly identified the vehicle, selected the necessary tools, climbed into the engine compartment and began work. He removed and replaced the air filter, distributor cap, points and condenser. He then tuned the engine and checked the brake shoes for wear. Later he overhauled an automatic transmission. All the work was done well and completely.

Bazzle had demonstrated that he could handle a variety of routine vehicle maintenance tasks efficiently. He was hired in late 1980 and is now completely at home at the test center. His personal courage and initiative have inspired all who come in contact with him.

Born in Bellefontaine, Bazzle is married and has a two-year-old daughter, Nichole.

For the past eight years, Bazzle has participated in community service, working with Vanguard, an emergency radio communications network.

Besides automobiles and motorcycles, his hobbies include home electronics and audio recording, boating and fishing, and traveling.

## Coast Guard Heroism Awards

Six Coast Guardsmen were presented heroism awards by Secretary Lewis at the annual DOT awards ceremony.

Lewis gave the Distinguished Flying Cross to Lt. Cmdr. Joel A. Thuma and to Lt. j.g. John P. Currier; the Coast Guard Medal to Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Glenn A. Bradley, Master Chief Boatswain's Mate David N. Duren, and Aviation Machinist 3rd Class Gary W. Wood; and the Meritorious Service Medal to Chief Warrant Officer Kenneth E. Matz.

Thuma was cited for extraordinary achievement as a helicopter pilot in the airlift of 110 people from the burning cruise ship PRINSENDAM in the Gulf of Alaska.

Currier was cited for extraordinary achievement as a helicopter pilot in the rescue of 10 seamen from the burning fishing vessel TERRY T off Cape Cod.

Bradley was cited for extraordinary heroism when he rescued a trapped woman from an overturned cabin cruiser in Lake St. Clair, Ontario, Canada.

Duren was cited for heroism when he rescued a fellow Coast Guardsman from drowning in Fogarty Creek Park, Oregon.

Wood's act of heroism took place when he entered the flaming wreckage of a small, twin-engine airplane that had crashed at Pembroke Pines, Florida, and assisted in the rescue of its occupants.

Matz was cited for outstanding meritorious service while fighting the fire onboard the PRINSENDAM.

Other Coast Guard personnel who have received the Distinguished Flying Cross during the past year were Cmdr. Gary T. Morgan, Lt. Cmdr. Ray C. Hiner, Lt. Cmdr. Robert A. Knapp, Lt. Cmdr. Charles M. Wrighter, Lt. Bruce E. Melnick, Lt. Jimmy Ng, Lt. John B. Whidden, Aviation Electrician's Mate 1st Class Curtis E. Ellison, Aviation Mechanic 1st Class David K. Seavey, Aviation Machinist 2nd Class Drew Bratt, Aviation Electronic Technician 2nd Class David P. Cook, Aviation Electronic Technician 2nd Class Michael R. Oliveron, Aviation Electronic Technician 2nd Class Jerry L. Roberts, Aviation Mechanic 3rd Class Samuel R. Overman, and Aviation Machinist 3rd Class Carl E. Saylor.

Others receiving Coast Guard Medals were Master Chief Boatswain's Mate R.



THUMA



CURRIER



BRADLEY



DUREN



WOOD



MATZ

A. Harshfield (two medals), Gunner's Mate 2nd Class Dana R. Murphy, Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Charles R. McChesney, and Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Ronald B. Wilton.

Receiving the Meritorious Service Medal were Lt. Cmdr. John P. Barnstein, Lt. Cmdr. Thomas L. Davis, Lt. Cmdr. John C. Dusch, Lt. Gregory L. Rahl, Chief Warrant Officer William J. Ham, Jr., and Master Chief Boatswain's Mate James L. Edwards.

Awarded the Air Medal were Lt. Cmdr. Robert C. Belote, Lt. Cmdr. Terry W. Sinclair, Lt. Michael B. Garwood, Lt. Ernest P. Rivas, Lt. John F. Spatuzzi, Lt. j.g. Thomas S. Vasilou, Aviation Electronic Technician 1st Class James H. Ellis, Aviation Electronic Technician 2nd Class Anthony C. Dombrowski, Aviation Electrician's Mate 2nd Class Andrew D. Falenski, Aviation Electronic Technician 2nd Class Stephen F. Schneider, Aviation Machinist 2nd Class Bryan L. Wallace, and Aviation Electronic Technician 3rd Class Richard L. McManigal.

## Four Civilian Employees Cited by DOT for Heroism

Three FAA employees and one Coast Guard employee received awards for personal bravery at the department's annual awards ceremony.

Secretary Lewis presented the Secretary's Award for Valor to Robert M. Jones, Sr., Charles B. Taylor, and John L. Burge of FAA and to Paul Rudolph Goupille, a civilian employee at the Coast Guard Academy.

Jones, an air traffic control specialist in Longmont, Colorado, received an award for his effort to save the driver of a burning truck near Platteville, Colorado.

The truck had collided with a bull and was engulfed in flames. Jones saw that the driver was lying next to the tractor cab. There were exploding gas and high pressure air tanks and no time to don protective clothing. Without regard for his own safety, Jones rushed into the fire and retrieved the body of the driver.

Jones later was taken to a Greeley, Colorado, hospital, suffering from smoke inhalation, but was released in 36 hours.

Taylor, an electrician with FAA's Airway Facilities Division office in San Francisco, rescued a driver from his burning automobile after it had spun out of control and plunged 200 feet into a ravine.

Taylor rushed to the scene and found the wrecked car filled with smoke. Due to structural damage, Taylor had difficulty opening the car door, but was finally aided by three other men. It is highly unlikely the rescued man, a 74-year-old San Francisco art critic and historian, could have escaped without Taylor's aid.

Burge, a maintenance worker with FAA's Airway Facilities Division in Rancho Cordova, California, removed an injured pilot from a burning aircraft.

At approximately 11:30 p.m., a small plane crashed into a house near the Burge home. Burge called the fire department and then dashed to the crash scene, where he heard screams coming from the plane's cockpit and saw the pilot trying to get out.

Burge finally succeeded in pulling the pilot from the cockpit and applied direct pressure to a deep cut on the pilot's face, while the plane's other occupant was rescued by the fire department. The pilot and the passenger both survived.

Goupille, a heating and ventilation equipment mechanic at the Coast Guard Academy, risked his life to save a neighbor overcome by smoke in a burning room.

When Goupille noticed smoke coming from a neighbor's apartment, he notified the fire department and then rushed inside. He found his neighbor inside, overcome by smoke. Although he was driven back twice by smoke, Goupille finally managed to crawl across the floor and drag his neighbor to safety. Paramedics treated his neighbor and transferred him to the hospital, where he recovered.



JONES



TAYLOR



BURGE



GOUPILLE

## Schneider Award Given to Commander Shkor

Commander John Edward Shkor, District Legal Officer, Seventh Coast Guard District, Miami, Florida, received the 1981 Schneider award. He was honored for his outstanding legal support of Coast Guard operational programs, particularly in connection with the Cuban boatlift and drug trafficking in the Miami area.

The award is named for Lawrence R. Schneider, chief counsel of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration from 1971 until his death in 1974. The annual award is presented to a practicing attorney who has shown special competence and productivity. Only attorneys who have practiced less than 10 years are eligible.

Shkor, 36, received a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1966 and his law degree from Georgetown University Law School in 1973. In 1979, Shkor was assigned to the Seventh Coast Guard District in Miami as District Legal Officer.

Other awards received by Shkor during his Coast Guard career have included the Achievement Medal, the Commendation Medal, and the Meritorious Medal.

Shkor resides in Miami, Florida, with his wife and two sons.



SHKOR

## Equal Opportunity Awards to Seven Employees

The Secretary's award for outstanding achievement in equal opportunity is given to employees who have no specific equal employment responsibilities but who have excelled in promoting equal opportunity.

Seven employees received the equal opportunity award at the 14th annual awards ceremony.

Dr. Ross W. Adams, a supervisory transportation industry analyst in UMTA, received the award for outstanding efforts in minority business enterprise procurement and in minority and female recruitment.

Linda L. Brown, a transportation assistant in FHWA's Office of Highway Operations, received the award for assisting in implementation of the Federal Women's Program and FHWA's first National Secretaries Day observance.

Commander Edwin M. Custer, Jr., of the Coast Guard's Office of Marine



ADAMS



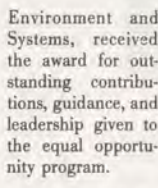
BROWN



CUSTER



GALLAGHER



Environment and Systems, received the award for outstanding contributions, guidance, and leadership given to the equal opportunity program.



HAMILTON



INGRAO



WALDAL

Paul W. Gallagher, FAA's sector manager and area coordinator at Fairbanks, Alaska, received the award for exceptional achievements in equal opportunity.

Carl W. Hamilton, an FAA supervisory air traffic control specialist at Atlanta, Georgia, received the award for outstanding leadership and participation in activities which foster equal opportunity.

Hector C. Ingrao, a general engineer at RSPA's Transportation Systems Center, received the award for outstanding contributions to the Hispanic employment program.

Catherine M. Waldal, a Coast Guard civilian personnel officer in Seattle, Washington, received the award for sustained outstanding support of equal opportunity.