Stanford Associates Awards

HONORING EXCELLENT VOLUNTEERS

2020–2021
Stanford University

GOLD SPIKE AWARD
STANFORD MEDAL
GOVERNORS’ AWARD
AWARD OF MERIT
GOLD SPIKE AWARD HISTORY

The original Gold Spike was driven by California Senator Leland Stanford at Promontory, Utah, in May 1869. The final link in the construction of the first transcontinental railroad, it symbolized foresight, perseverance and accomplishment. A century later, in 1969, the university established the Gold Spike award as Stanford’s highest annual honor for volunteer leadership service. In 1973, Stanford Associates assumed responsibility for the award. Because the award is emblematic of those same qualities of foresight, perseverance and accomplishment, it is commemorated by an engraved brass replica of the historic Gold Spike.

Gold Spike

FRED W. ALVAREZ, ’72, JD ’75
SUSAN P. DIEKMAN, ’65, MA ’67

“So many transformational things have happened to me because Stanford said ‘yes’ to me way back when. Now I always say ‘yes’ to Stanford volunteer opportunities because I know I’m helping others like me, who will enjoy a future they couldn’t even imagine.”

FRED W. ALVAREZ, ’72, JD ’75

“I volunteer because it keeps me engaged with Stanford in a stimulating and productive way.”

SUSAN P. DIEKMAN, ’65, MA ’67
Fred W. Alvarez, ’72, JD ’75

Fred’s deep and abiding love for all things Cardinal is apparent in his remarkable service to his alma mater over the past four decades. During his distinguished and demanding legal career, Fred has never hesitated to take on critical volunteer roles, proving himself equally comfortable and effective in conference rooms and boardrooms.

As a student on campus in the late 1960s, Fred’s experience as an underrepresented minority from New Mexico became a catalyst for him to get involved and focus on creating a welcoming environment for future generations of Latino students. After graduation, he became a consistent force in his undergraduate and law school classes.

Fred is one of Stanford Law School’s most active volunteers. A longtime member and, later, chair of the Stanford Law School Board of Visitors, he helped transform the alumni collective into proactive advisors and patrons. Fred also served on the Stanford Law School Dean’s Advisory Council providing advice and counsel to several deans.

In 2003, Fred co-founded the Stanford Law School Latino Alumni Association. The group’s chair since its inception, Fred has been a leader and mentor for countless Latino students and alumni. The success of the Latino alumni group has inspired other successful minority alumni associations within the law school. Fred is a frequent lecturer at the law school, teaching two quarter-long courses in labor law and delivering remarks at the law school’s first convocation last year.

Equally engaged with his undergraduate class, Fred served as co-chair of his 45th reunion for the class of ’72. He also served two terms as a member of the Stanford Alumni Association’s Board of Directors. In 2013, Fred was named to the Stanford Board of Trustees and served through 2018. As a trustee, he was lauded for sharing his “invaluable skills and expertise gained during his distinguished career as an employment lawyer” and for his efforts to “grow, nurture, support and advance the Latino community and network at Stanford.”

In recent years, Fred has been key to the re-emergence of the national Stanford Latino Alumni Association (SLAA) and has provided guidance to its volunteer leadership, facilitating important partnerships between SLAA and senior university and alumni leaders. Fred’s support for SLAA’s efforts culminated in 2018 with the inaugural Latinx Alumni Summit which drew over 350 alumni.

Fred is beloved throughout Stanford. He is described as one of the most genuine and authentic volunteer leaders by faculty and staff. His sincere affection, loyalty and service to Stanford are truly remarkable.

Susan P. Diekman, ’65, MA ’67

Among Stanford’s most dedicated champions of the arts, Sue has been an indefatigable and steady force for many years.

Following her retirement from the corporate world in 1998, Sue’s lifelong love of the arts led her back to her alma mater, and specifically to the Cantor Museum. Closed since the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, the museum was undergoing extensive renovation and expansion, and the work of volunteer leaders and fundraisers was critical. Sue got involved before the museum reopened in 1999 as the Iris & B. Gerald Cantor Center for Visual Arts. Since then, and in no small part due to Sue’s leadership, Cantor—and Stanford arts overall—have flourished.

Sue served for six years on Cantor’s Membership Executive Council (then the “Membership Board”), including three as chair, and under her guidance the group achieved new heights of professionalism and service. In 2003, as Sue’s second three-year term on the Membership Executive Council was drawing to a close, Cantor’s former director, Tom Seligman, tapped Sue to become the chair of a new Director’s Advisory Board—a pivotal step in the museum’s rise to prominence as a leading university museum and Bay Area arts institution. Under Sue’s leadership, the Director’s Advisory Board has been a valued partner to three successive Cantor Art Center directors as the museum’s reputation as an art destination has grown.

For more than 20 years, Sue has been known as a dedicated, wise and energetic volunteer leader and an indispensable partner to the museum and the arts programs. Steadfast and consistent, in good, bad and uncertain times, she has been vital to keeping the museum moving forward, and indeed, thriving.

Having served as a member of numerous committees and councils, Sue became a strong and reliable bridge between Cantor and Stanford’s new efforts in the arts. She has been described as “the perfect volunteer” and “one of the most effective board members of all time” in her capacity as an effective ambassador and advocate.

Sue’s engagement at Stanford extends beyond Cantor to the new Stanford Health Care Art Commission and the Stanford Arts Advisory Council, as well as to the School of Education, Athletics and The Stanford Fund. She has also been involved with her class reunions, having served in leadership roles for both campaign and event efforts.

Sue has poured inestimable hours and much energy into her volunteer work, with no job too big or small for her to tackle with gusto. She is a wonderful mentor, collaborator and connector and a pillar of the Stanford community.
MICHELLE GREER GALLOWAY, '87, JD '89

“Stanford’s founders asked that our graduates demonstrate ‘direct usefulness in life.’ Every time I’ve said ‘yes’ to Stanford, Stanford has let me play a small part in the university’s ongoing work to educate the next generation of leaders to ‘promote the public welfare’ and tackle the world’s complex problems.”

Michelle demonstrates her unparalleled commitment to Stanford in every project she champions and every partnership she fosters. A key leader for the Law School who has served on the Dean’s Advisory Council and Board of Visitors, Michelle is a trusted and sought-after source of wisdom to many across the university.

Her extremely broad and deep service includes membership on the Parents Advisory Board, steering and advising Cap and Gown’s alumnae board, and chairing her class Law School reunion. In addition, Michelle is an extraordinary mentor to students and young alumni.

With collegiality and boundless, contagious enthusiasm for serving Stanford, and in leading by example, Michelle has inspired countless others to engage more profoundly with the university.

STUART C. BURDEN, '84

“Stanford has been a continuous, positive influence in my life. Service and volunteering are ways for me to show my deep, deep gratitude.”

Stuart is a wonderfully inclusive leader who has given his time and talents to scores of university efforts and initiatives. During his nine years on the SAA’s Board of Directors, including two as chair, Stuart was known for encouraging participation, drawing out different opinions, valuing the diversity of views, and making all involved feel respected and appreciated. That special combination, along with his unparalleled commitment to every project he takes on, made Stuart a clear choice for the prestigious Alumni Committee on Trustee Nominations (ACTN).

A stalwart volunteer for the class of ‘84, Stuart has also been an influential and inspirational reunion leader over the last two decades as both a chair and class panel coordinator.

Exceptionally dedicated and disarmingly modest, Stuart approaches his service with warmth, integrity, initiative, and a generous spirit.

ANDREW J. HOWARD, '98

“While volunteering for Stanford is personally rewarding, the real impact is witnessing the far-reaching effect it has on the lives of students and alums, as well as the surrounding Stanford community and undoubtedly, the world stage.”

Andy has distinguished himself as one of Stanford’s most extraordinary volunteers with his abounding passion and enduring dedication to the university. An invaluable volunteer leader for the Office of Undergraduate Admission for more than 20 years, Andy has recruited and inspired legions of alumni volunteers and made a notable impact for Stanford in Southern California. He was a pivotal member of the Alumni Admission Advisory Committee, which laid the foundation for the OVAL, now Stanford’s largest alumni volunteer initiative with nearly 16,000 participants.

On top of these deep commitments, Andy served on the board of the Stanford Club of West LA for a number of years, including as president in 2002–03, and was a valued member of the SAA Board of Directors from 2011–2016.

His positive energy, keen insights, and collaborative style have made Andy an outstanding asset to the university in myriad ways.
The Governors’ Award is given to Stanford Associates members who have demonstrated exemplary ongoing volunteer service to Stanford University.

**Governors’ Award**

**Lorie Canchola Boyd, ’94**
For her singular dedication to both her class and to the university at large, from her service as a stalwart reunion leader for the Class of ’94 to her esteemed roles on the Alumni Committee on Trustee Nominations and the SAA Board of Directors; for leading committee efforts with aplomb and bringing fresh perspectives to every meeting as well as organizing social activities that enhanced the Board’s esprit de corps; for stepping up to the plate to serve as liaison to the Stanford Associates Board of Governors; for her exemplary and inspiring turns as master of ceremonies for the Multicultural Alumni Hall of Fame; for her enthusiastic embrace of the Stanford Latino Alumni Association, Design Your Energy, and indeed of all things Stanford.

**Ron Brown, ’94**
For always bringing his unshakeable Cardinal spirit, can-do energy, and amazing alumni network to an impressive range of vital volunteer roles across Stanford since graduating; for his dedicated service as co-chair of his 5th, 10th and 15th reunion campaigns for the great Class of ’94, always delivering both meaning and fun to fundraising; for bringing to bear his strong passion for K-12 education during his six-year tenure on the Graduate School of Education Advisory Council; for his devoted involvement with the Haas National Advisory Board as it launched the Cardinal Service program; for his ongoing engagement with Stanford’s LEAD Council and his unflagging commitment to the university community.

**Melissa Foster Fetter, ’82**
For a commitment to Stanford service that runs deep in her bones; for her peerless leadership as chair of the Arts Advisory council, including her work on behalf of the Anderson Collection; for her imaginative and fresh perspective as co-chair of the Museums by Moonlight benefit as well as Stanford Arts’ recurring fundraising events; for always embracing new challenges and transforming nascent ideas into workable plans; for opening her home to host numerous events from new admit and student sendoff receptions to faculty speakers; for her forward-looking efforts to provide for Stanford’s present and future through gifts of time and treasure; and for stepping up again and again to help Stanford.

**Laura Hills, ’83, MA ’86, JD ’86**
For her tireless efforts as a quintessential ambassador for Stanford, and especially the Stanford Law School, in functions large and small; for her dedication to the Law School Board of Visitors as a member since 2007 and current chair; for providing sage counsel to three Law School Deans and willing assistance to staff and fellow alums with meetings, events, fundraising and more; to hosting newly admitted Washington, D.C.-area law students each year, offering wisdom and support; for volunteering on countless reunion committees for both her Law School and undergraduate Stanford classes; and for being a leader who inspires others through her example, and sets the highest-possible bar for volunteerism.

**Wende Sawyer Hutton, ’81**
For nearly 25 years of service to Stanford, in particular as a dynamic, strategic and fearless campaign volunteer; for her inspiring ongoing efforts to bring classmates and other fellow alumni “into the fold” with her infectious zeal for philanthropy for the university; for her steadfast and seemingly effortless work on the Class of ’81 reunion campaigns, including chairing her 25th; for mobilizing as a key member of vital fundraising efforts including the CUE Peninsula Major Gifts Committee and the Stanford Challenge Bay Area Major Gifts Committee; for giving countless hours and offering her priceless industry wisdom as a mentor for the BioDesign program; and for always being a top-notch proponent of the university’s mission and cause.

**Aly Kassam-Remtulla, ’98**
For lending his considerable intellect and enthusiasm to Stanford in myriad ways and at high levels since graduating; for his unwavering commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion as a decade-long member of the Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity (CCSER) Advisory Board; for bringing insightful questions, invaluable counsel and first-hand knowledge of peer institutions to the Stanford Alumni Association’s Board of Directors; for his outstanding service on every one of his reunions, including holding multiple leadership positions; for his devotion to present and future students, evidenced by roles on the Alumni Admission Advisory Committee and as a volunteer for the Asian American Activities Center to name just a few; and for activating community, igniting curiosity, and amplifying impact at every opportunity.
Allen J. Lauer, ’59
For his impassioned support for the university and in particular the Hoover Institution, where he has served faithfully on its Board of Overseers for 15 years; for building and engaging a community of Stanford philanthropy in Jackson Hole, WY and beyond; for playing key roles for multiple fundraising efforts, including the Centennial Campaign and the Stanford Challenge; for lending his expertise to the Engineering Advisory Council for two consecutive terms; for spearheading multiple class reunion campaigns, including his 50th and 60th, and yielding incredible success among his classmates even during a global economic downturn; for his ongoing commitment to students of environmental studies in tribute to his late daughter Jean, ’95; and for always showing up with exemplary dedication, initiative and leadership.

Marc Lipschultz, ’91
For his effortless community-building character, including organizing and hosting numerous New York-region events; for being the consummate connector, helping staff recruit and steward the next generation of “rising stars,” especially as a co-chair for the Stanford LEAD Council; for being an outstanding sounding board and strategic partner for university leadership and fellow alumni; for the catalytic curiosity and keen observations he brings to his role on the Stanford Interdisciplinary Life Sciences Advisory Council; for serving on each of his Class of ’91 reunion campaign committees, including co-chairing his last three; for adding the presidency of the Stanford Professionals in Investing and Finance (SPIF) to his other substantial Stanford commitments; and for his humility, kindness, and love of all things Stanford.

Susan Ward Schofield, ’66
For her devotion to preserving university history and institutional knowledge as a member of the Stanford Historical Society board as well as the Emeriti/ae Council, and creating a vital bridge between emeriti/ae and the university; for being the chief force in the expansion of the SHS Oral History program; for her vital service to the Faculty Senate, including the monumental spearheading of a publication to celebrate its 50th anniversary; for leveraging her experience and talents to increase the connectedness of the Stanford community by promoting engagement, recognizing staff, and executing vision; for her dedication to the Amy J. Blue Awards, the staff honor and Stanford cultural touchstone she helped establish in 1988; for devoting herself to every project with enthusiasm, careful organization, and remarkable energy.

Giuseppe Zocco, MBA ’94
For unflaggingly working to expand the global footprint of the Graduate School of Business and the university at large as an international Stanford ambassador; for his dedicated service as an officer and president of the Stanford Club of Switzerland and the GSB Switzerland chapter, leading alumni efforts in Davos, Zurich and Geneva and hosting the 2017 Stanford International Alumni Weekend; for being an invaluable partner to Stanford admissions, as both an interviewer and event host, connecting prospective and current students and alumni; for his ceaseless devotion to his GSB class, serving as 25th reunion co-chair; for his thoughtful guidance and spirited collaboration on the GSB Advisory Council and the SAA Board of Directors; and for epitomizing the kind of volunteer leadership worthy of recognition and celebration.

Peter Mondavi Jr., ’80, MS ’82, MBA ’93
For his passionate devotion to this alma mater across a multitude of projects and departments; for bolstering the role of the Graduate School of Business Alumni Association Board of Directors as a six-year member and president; for helping guide the GSB’s alumni relations strategy and advising the Dean in this role and as a member of the GSB Advisory Council; for sharing his vast wine expertise, from serving as a judge for the Stanford Wine Program’s tasting panel to donating wine from his vineyard for countless Stanford events; for serving in roles as varied as fundraising for reunions, guest-lecturing at the GSB, judging the GSB’s Executive Challenge, and volunteering for MBA Admissions; and for always finding time in a demanding life to say “yes” to Stanford.
Sheri Gould Blaisdell, ’84
For her outstanding and ongoing volunteer efforts on behalf of FLI office initiatives, supporting students and staff alike

Jennifer Eagleston Cauble, ’76
For her vital involvement on major Stanford Historical Society projects including Transcontinental Railroad celebrations and new branding/marketing strategies

Rudy Herrera, MBA ’79
For his inspired creation of an alumni/student career prep and networking program for the FLI community in San Diego

Irene Ibidapo, ’09
For her pivotal role as Mini Reunion co-chair for Class of ’09 10th reunion and speaker for the Class of ’20 virtual commencement celebration

Kennan Murphy-Sierra, ’14
For his dedicated efforts on behalf of the NYC Stanford alumni community including producing a sold-out young alumni event and piloting a regional mentoring program

Jordan Nevo, MS ’09
For his innovative planning and execution of new careers content for alumni in the Los Angeles region

Nadia Johnson Rawlinson, ’01
For her superlative efforts as chair for the 2019–2020 Alumni Committee on Trustee Nominations (ACTN) process

Julia Arellano Sullivan, MBA ’82
For her forward-thinking leadership in developing online content and engagement opportunities for GSB alumni during COVID-19

Martin Treu, ’79
For his engaging and innovative graphic design and art direction for the class of ’79 40th reunion

Kamba Tshionyi, ’98
For his outstanding leadership and strategic direction of the Haas Center National Advisory Board

Summer Moore Batte, ’99
William Copeland, ’99
For their excellent efforts as 20th Reunion Class Panel Co-Chairs, creating a fresh, engaging and diverse panel for the Class of ’99

Marcos Nájera, ’94, MA ’95
Scott Showalter, ’94
For their outstanding work as 25th Reunion Class Panel Co-Chairs, designing a panel that incorporated reflection, humor and elements of surprise

The Award of Merit is given for a single and significant achievement in volunteer service to Stanford University.
Class of ‘53 Leadership Team
Terrence Blaine, ’53
Nancy Howe Clark, ’53, MA ’54
Patty Jones Fortine, ’53
Elise “Boots” Schieffelin Liddle, ’53
James R. Madison, ’53, LLB ’59
Donald Price, ’53, MBA ’58
Nancy Clark Sharpe, ’53, MA ’54
For incredible teamwork and grassroots organizing to engage the Class of ’53 to return to campus to celebrate their 66th reunion year as members of the Cardinal Society

GSB Women’s Circles Leadership Team
Lili Pratt King, ’71, MBA ’76
Barbara Boyd Proulx, ’83, MS ’84, MBA ’90
Martha Tian, MBA ’12
Amy Kessler Ting, MBA ’84
For going above and beyond to help the GSB Women’s Circles support alumnae around the world as leaders of the organization’s Global Management Board

Community Graduation Leaders
Jackie Crespo, ’05, MS ’07
David Gonzales, ’93
Delia L. López, ’94
Clara Luu, ’15
For their exceptional roles spearheading efforts to make Stanford’s virtual commencement momentous for various graduating communities including FLAN (First-Generation and/or Low-Income Alumni Network) and SLAA (Stanford Latino Alumni Association)

Law School Dean’s Welcome Leaders
Peter Bragdon, JD ’93
Brent Bullock, JD ’86
Andrew Komaroff, JD ’93
Lan Nguyễn, JD ’01
Naomi Brussky Waltman, ’85, JD ’88
For their outstanding efforts on two coasts to organize and host welcome events for the Stanford Law School’s new dean, Jenny Martinez, bringing together many SLS community members in Portland, OR and New York City.