



## WORLD WATERPARK ASSOCIATION

# BOARD AWARD RECIPIENTS AND HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

## BOARD AWARDS

### AL TURNER MEMORIAL COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AWARD:

Awarded to individuals, parks or organizations that have through their consistent business and professional excellence provided leadership and/or fostered a sense of community in the World Waterpark Association membership.

- 2025:** Rick Coleman, American Resort Management  
Mike Friscia, Innovative Attraction Management  
James Harhi, Innovative Attraction Management  
Brandon Moore, Lucky Strike Entertainment
- 2024:** Lou Cirigliano, Jr., Casino Pier and Breakwater Beach  
Dollywood's Splash Country, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee  
Brian C. Szydoski, OKANA Resort & Indoor Waterpark
- 2023:** Johnny Blevins, Splash Kingdom Waterparks Inc.  
Ken Handler, Global Management Amusement Professionals  
Sasha Mateer, Deep River Waterpark - Lake County Parks and Recreation
- 2022:** Ron Hood, Disney's Water Parks  
Charlie Luecker, Lincoln Aquatics  
Joe Stefanyak, Ellis & Associates
- 2021:** Tina Hatcher, 3i Advertising
- 2020:** George Deines, Counsilman-Hunsaker
- 2019:** John Gannon, Zoombezi Bay at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium  
Stephanie Hee-Johnston, NRH<sub>2</sub>O Family Water Park  
Mark Moore, Gulf Islands Waterpark
- 2018:** Carvin DiGiovanni, The Association of Pool & Spa Professionals  
Steve Rodgers, Golfand SunSplash  
Lake White, Starfish Aquatics Institute
- 2017:** Jim Basala, Deep River Waterpark  
Joann Cortéz, Hyland Hills Park and Recreation District  
Gary Slade, Amusement Today, Inc.
- 2016:** Scott Deisley, Safety Skills Training  
Mark C. Hatchel, Kimley-Horn & Associates  
Frank Perez, NRH<sub>2</sub>O Family Water Park



- 2015:** Glenn Davidson, Farah Leisure Parks Management LLC  
Chris Landgrave, Deep River Waterpark  
Rachmat Sutiono, P.T. Funworld
- 2014:** The Kells Family, Water Wizz of Cape Cod, Inc.  
Dato' Richard CK Koh, Only World Group  
Dale McFarland, Veracity Hospitality, LLC.
- 2013:** The Aragona Family, Zoom Flume Water Park  
Santokh Singh Chawla, POLO RAK AMUSEMENTS LLC  
Kristie Moses, Sage Hospitality, CoCo Key Resort
- 2012:** Family Fun Corporation  
Steve Miklosi, Breakers Water Park  
Tomahawk Lake Waterpark
- 2011:** Sam Haynes, Blue Bayou Water Park  
Danny & Janis Keim
- 2010:** Tom Bergman, MMOINC/Bergman Communications  
Jill White, Starfish Aquatics Institute (SAI)
- 2009:** Tiffany Quilici, Roaring Springs Waterpark  
The Rapids Waterpark, West Palm Beach, Florida
- 2008:** Richard A. Carroll, Ellis & Associates  
Hyland Hills Water World, Federal Heights, Colorado
- 2007:** Bill Haralson, William Haralson & Associates
- 2006:** Jeff Ellis, Ellis & Associates
- 2005:** Bill Getz, Aquality Consulting (posthumously)  
Kevin Smith, Chemtrol (posthumously)  
Ken Ward, Water Technology, Inc. (posthumously)
- 2004:** Fred, Jim and Bob Kenney, Golfland Sunsplash
- 2003:** Roger Currie, Royson, Ltd.
- 2002:** Richard J. Coulter, Coulter and Associates
- 2001:** Al Turner, World Waterpark Association (posthumously)\*
- 2000:** The Wisconsin Dells Area, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
- 1999:** Judith Leblein, Water Technology
- 1997:** Pat Cartwright, Emerald Pointe
- 1996:** Steve Loose, Hyland Hills Water World
- 1995:** City of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina
- 1994:** Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista, Florida  
Balneario Ixtapan, Ixtapan De La Sal, Mexico  
Aqua Park, Fortaleza, Brazil
- 1993:** Blue Bayou, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
Rockford Park District/ Magic Waters, Rockford, Illinois  
Bryant Morris, Bryant L. Morris Dev. Co.



**1992:** Dick Samuels, Water Country and Weirs Beach Waterslide  
Nelson Schwab III, Paramount Parks  
Paul Nelson, Waldameer Park

*\*This award, previously known as the Commitment to Excellence Award, was renamed in 2001 in honor of Al Turner who passed away that year.*

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD AWARD:**

**Awarded to an individual or organization for special accomplishments in the water leisure industry that have contributed to industry knowledge and expertise for the benefit of the WWA membership.**

**2025:** Mike Bengtson, Herschend Family Entertainment-Splish Splash Water Park  
Scott Silar, Hersheypark  
Cade Vereen, Pyek Group

**2024:** Wolfgang Kiessling, Loro Parque  
Paul Price, NOVA Parks-Great Waves Waterpark  
Chase Singleton, Wilderness at the Smokies

**2023:** Jim Kunau, Six Flags Entertainment  
Dr. Stephen Sims, SomerSplash Waterpark

**2022:** Evan Barnett, Pyek Group  
Söhret Pakis, Polin Waterparks

**2021:** Wet'n'Wild Hawaii for their Solar Panel Installation, Kapolei, Hawaii

**2020:** Kari (Tjader) Manev, Liftoptopia, Inc.

**2019:** Sandra Greiner, Sun Splash Family Waterpark/City of Cape Coral  
Tropical Islands Resort

**2018:** Eric Dombrowski, City of Palmdale Recreation & Culture Department-DryTown Water Park  
Sandcastle Waterpark for their Inclusive Programming

**2017:** Mike Friscia, Innovative Attraction Management, IAM StarGuard ELITE  
Gaylee Gillim, Esq., Kentucky Kingdom, LLLP  
Typhoon Texas, Typhoon Waterpark Management, LLC  
Bruce Wigo, International Swimming Hall of Fame

**2016:** Lou Cirigliano, Jr., Casino Pier and Breakwater Beach  
Natalie Livingston, The Wave Waterpark  
David J. Sangree, Hotel & Leisure Advisors

**2015:** Jeb Boyd, Whale's Tale Water Park  
Caribbean Bay Water Park at Everland Resort (Operated by Samsung C&T Corporation)  
Somersplash Waterpark for their Longest Day of Play Event  
Nicole Van Winkle, Councilman-Hunsaker

**2014:** Franceen Gonzales, WhiteWater West Industries Ltd.  
Billy Hamilton, Wet 'n Wild Orlando, Orlando  
Kentucky Kingdom and Hurricane Bay  
Schlitterbahn Galveston Island for Two Story Cabanas, Schlitterbahn Waterparks  
Schlitterbahn Kansas City for Verrückt Waterslide and Media Campaign, Schlitterbahn Waterparks



- 2013:** Matt Boyd, Whale's Tale Waterpark  
Sasha Mateer, Deep River Waterpark  
Chris Swartz, NRH<sub>2</sub>O Family Water Park
- 2012:** Johnny Blevins, Splash Kingdom Family Waterparks  
Siam Park  
SplashDown Beach Water Park
- 2011:** Roger Currie, Aqua Leisure International  
Judith Leblein Josephs, Judith Leblein Josephs Enterprises LLC  
Alan Mahony, MAHONYdmc
- 2010:** Dan Gundrum, eProfit Solutions
- 2009:** Rick Fuller, Hyland Hills Water World  
Brian Freber, Water Technology  
Mike Kaminski, Chula Vista Resort  
Jim Dunn, Aquatic Development Group
- 2008:** Ron Sutula, Schlitterbahn Galveston Island  
Norm Matzl, National Aquatic Safety Company
- 2007:** Lee Hovis, Adventure Landing
- 2006:** Sandcastle Waterworld, Blackpool, United Kingdom
- 2005:** Franceen Gonzales, Six Flags Hurricane Harbor
- 2004:** Wally James, Con-Serv Associates
- 2003:** Robin Doucette, The Rapids Waterpark
- 2001:** Land of Make Believe, Hope, New Jersey  
Charleston County Parks, Charleston, South Carolina
- 2000:** Fibrart, S.A. De C.V., Mexico
- 1999:** Sun 'n Fun Family Recreation, Ponca City, Oklahoma
- 1998:** Mountain Creek, Vernon, New Jersey  
Desa Waterpark, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
SuperSplash Adventure, Edinburg, Texas  
Essel World, Mumbai, India
- 1997:** Splash Island, Manila, Philippines  
Elitch Gardens, Denver, Colorado
- 1996:** Raging Waters, San Dimas, California  
A'Famosa, Melaka, Malaysia
- 1995:** Waterbom Park, Bali, Indonesia
- 1994:** International Recreation Go-Kart Association (IRGA), San Antonio, Texas  
SCS Company, Tillamook, Oregon  
Systems & Programming Consultants (SPC), Charlotte, North Carolina  
White Water Atlanta, Marietta, Georgia



- 1993:** Splish Splash, Long Island, New York  
Valley of the Waves, Sun City, South Africa  
Efrain Ruiz, President, Asociacion Latino Americana De Parques Acuaticos (ALAPA)  
Forrec LTD., Toronto, Canada
- 1992:** Alain Baldacci, Baldacci Asociados  
Lynn Alexander, City of Gaithersburg  
Robert Goff, City of Cape Coral

### **KELLY OGLE MEMORIAL SAFETY AWARD:**

**Awarded to an individual or organization for significant contributions to guest and employee safety in the water attractions industry.**

- 2025:** Ellis Aquatic Innovations – Ellis Aquatic Vigilance System (EAVS), Orlando, Florida  
Shawn Kidd, Diggerland USA  
New Jersey Swim Safety Alliance, Woodbury, New Jersey
- 2024:** Dr. Adam Katchmarchi, Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
John Roche, Crystal Springs Family Waterpark
- 2023:** Christine Palma, OC Waterpark
- 2022:** Wet 'N' Wild WaterWorld and the Drowning Prevention Coalition of El Paso  
for their work on drowning prevention in their local community
- 2021:** Bob Bradley, Aquatic Consulting & Educational Services, LLC
- 2020:** Wess Long, StarGuard ELITE
- 2019:** Clay Barnes, Specialty Insurance Group, a Division of Everest Insurance®  
Dana Gage, The LV Project
- 2018:** Eric "Chet" Jacobson, National Aquatic Safety Company, LLC  
Judith Leblein Josephs, JLJ Enterprises LLC & Summit Community Programs  
Justin Sempsrott, MD, FAAEM, Lifeguards Without Borders
- 2017:** The Council For The Model Aquatic Health Code  
Vera Solis, Typhoon Texas
- 2016:** City of Henderson Public Works, Parks and Recreation Department: Aquatics Section  
Life Floor for their slip-resistant, impact-absorbing tiles
- 2015:** Kevin Rowland, Whirlin' Waters  
Andreas Tanzer, ProSlide Technology Inc.  
Water Safety Products Inc. for the development of The BigEasy Mask
- 2014:** Rick and Robin Doucett, Wild Waters  
Karol Komar, Tinley Park-Park District  
Joe Stefanyak, Jeff Ellis & Associates, Inc.
- 2013:** Tony Hacker, Golfland Entertainment Centers  
Mike Howard, Coney Island



- 2012:** George Deines, Surf and Swim  
Rafaele Madorma, Academia Via Esporte, INATI  
Schlitterbahn Waterparks & Colin's Hope for their partnership on water safety and drowning prevention programs
- 2011:** Lulu Cisneros, Lulu Cisneros Educación Acuática  
Pool Safety Campaign, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
- 2010:** Wet 'n Wild, GE Universal EHS Team, Orlando, Florida  
Wild Wadi, Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
Nadina Riggsbee, National Drowning Prevention Alliance  
Beth Root, World's Largest Swimming Lesson
- 2009:** Tom Werts, City of Kissimmee  
Jenkinsons Breakwater Beach  
ASTM F24.70 Aquatic Play Task Group
- 2008:** Pat Finnegan, Chula Vista Resort  
Bruce Wigo, International Swimming Hall of Fame
- 2007:** Shelly Rucinski, Noah's Ark Waterpark
- 2006:** Debra Nall-Rodriguez & Jan Wilson, St. Clare Hospital
- 2005:** Ron Rhinehart, Ellis & Associates
- 2004:** Ellis & Associates VAT Program, Ocoee, Florida
- 2003:** Franceen Gonzales, Golfland Entertainment Centers
- 2002:** Steven W. Hix, IRGA
- 2001:** Noah's Ark Waterpark, Year Road Emergency Response Team, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
- 2000:** Dr. John Hunsucker, National Aquatic Safety Company
- 1999:** Dr. Michael Beach, Center for Disease Control
- 1998:** John Stephens, Walt Disney World  
Bob Weiner, Weiner & Associates
- 1997:** John Fussner, American Specialty Insurance  
R. Wayne Pierce, IALDA
- 1996:** Coulter Consulting Group, Delaware, Ohio
- 1995:** Dr. John Hunsucker, National Aquatic Safety Company
- 1994:** Ellis & Associates, Kingwood, Texas  
American Red Cross, Washington, DC  
NBGS International, New Braunfels, Texas
- 1993:** Wally James, Con-Serv Associates  
Dr. Alison Osinski, Aquatic Consulting Services
- 1992:** Glynn Barclay & Associates, San Antonio, Texas



## LEADING EDGE AWARD:

Awarded to individuals or parks for creativity in the development of new themes, facilities, programs, services or operational concepts in the water attractions industry; and to suppliers who have developed new concepts, products or services to the benefit of park members, their customers and the water attractions industry.

- 2025:** Bavarian Blast Waterpark and Aquatic Development Group, Architectural Design Consultants, Inc., Hotel & Leisure Advisors, Life Floor, OpenAire Inc, R.C. Hendrick & Son, Inc. and WhiteWater for their work on Bavarian Blast Waterpark
- Carnival Corporation for Carnival Cruise Line and Bahamas Environmental Group, Bermello Ajamil & Partners, LLC, Blue Mar Basins, Life Floor, Martin Aquatic, Myrtha Pools, PGAV Destinations and WhiteWater for their work on the Celebration Key
- Kalahari Resorts and Conventions and Murphys Waves LTD, Neuman Group, Vortex Aquatic Structures International Inc., Water Technology, Inc. and WhiteWater for their work on the Kalahari Summer Savanna Outdoor Waterpark Expansion
- OKANA Resort & Indoor Waterpark, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Chickasaw Nation and Aquatic Development Group, Architectural Design Consultants, Inc., Hotel & Leisure Advisors, ProSlide, Pyramid Global Hospitality, Van Stone Conveyor, Water Odyssey and Wibit Sports GmbH for their work on OKANA Resort & Indoor Waterpark
- Sun Group and Cogito Automation & Launch Logic, Murphys Waves LTD, ProSlide and Waterplay for their work on Sun World Ha Nam Waterpark
- Yas Waterworld Yas Island, Abu Dhabi operated by Miral Experiences and Life Floor, Water Technology, Inc. and WhiteWater for their work on the Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi expansion
- 2024:** The City of Blue Springs, Missouri Parks and Recreation and Life Floor, Murphys Waves Ltd, NINJACROSS™ Systems, SFS Architecture, Inc., SplashTacular, and Water Technology, Inc. for their work on Blue Surf Bay Waterpark
- El Dorado Park and Aquatic Development Group, disform, Innovative Attraction Management, LLC., ProSlide Technology Inc and Van Stone Conveyor for their work on El Dorado Park
- Futuroscope Park and CREDO, Moment Factory, Murphys Waves Ltd, Polin Waterparks, Studio Concepts & Innovations and WhiteWater for their work on Aquascope Park
- Mt. Olympus Water & Theme Park Resort and Holtz Builders Inc., Ramaker & Associates and WhiteWater for their work on "The Rise of Icarus"
- Premier Parks-Rapids Water Park and Cogito Automation, ProSlide Technology Inc and WET Engineering for their work on "Mega Mayhem"
- Qetaifan Projects and Life Floor, Water Technology, Inc., and WhiteWater for their work on Meryal Waterpark
- Royal Caribbean International and FlowRider®, Life Floor, Martin Aquatic Design & Engineering, and wiegand.waterrides GmbH for their work on Icon of the Seas
- Wilderness Resort and Waterparks and Aquatic Development Group, Architectural Design Consultants, Inc., Moment Factory and WhiteWater for their work on the Wilderness at the Smokies Waterpark Resort expansion



- 2023:** Camp Barnabas and Counsilman-Hunsaker, Life Floor, SplashTacular, and Sunbelt Pools for their work on the new Camp Barnabas aquatic facility
- MSC Cruises and Amusement Logic, S.L., Life Floor and WhiteWater for their work on Pirates Cove Aquapark on MSC Seascape cruise ship
- Roaring Springs Waterpark and Aquatic Development Group, Connect&Go Inc., Ellis Aquatic Innovations, ProSlide Technology Inc, The Russell Corporation and 3i Advertising for their work on the Camp IdaH2O expansion at Roaring Springs Waterpark
- Studio City Water Park and Cogito Automation, Life Floor, Murphys Waves Ltd, Van Stone Conveyor, Water Technology, Inc. and WhiteWater for their work on Studio City's indoor waterpark
- Super Aqua Club and Vortex Aquatic Structures International Inc. for their work on "The Zephyr River"
- Thuy Tinh Waterpark and Polin Waterparks for their work on Thuy Tinh Waterpark
- Tower Investments, Inc. and Flowrider®, Life Floor, Martin Aquatic Design & Engineering, OpenAire, and WhiteWater for their work on ISLAND Waterpark at Showboat Resort
- Waldameer Park & Water World and Cogito Automation, ProSlide Technology Inc, USA, Inc., Van Stone Conveyor and WET Engineering, Inc. for their work on "Rocket Blast"
- 2022:** Baha Mar Resorts, Ltd. and DTJ Design, FlowRider®, Murphys Waves Ltd and ProSlide Technology Inc for their work on Baha Bay Waterpark
- Cullman Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism and Aquatic Development Group and ProSlide Technology Inc for their work on WildWater
- Karisma Resorts, Grupo Lomas and Paramount and Life Floor, Riverflow Pumps by Current Systems, Water Technology, Inc. and WhiteWater for their work on Aqua Nick
- Ocean Park Corporation and ProSlide Technology Inc, Van Stone Conveyor, Water Technology, Inc. and WhiteWater for their work on Water World Ocean Park
- VinWonders Nha Trang and Polin Waterparks for their work on Water World at VinWonders Nha Trang
- Wild Rivers Waterpark and Aquatic Development Group, CSM Waterworks and WhiteWater for their work on Wild Rivers Waterpark
- 2021:** Atlantis – Aquaventure and Murphys Waves Ltd, ProSlide Technology Inc, Riverflow Pumps By Current Systems and Water Technology, Inc. for their work on the Aquaventure Waterpark expansion
- The City of Garden City, Kansas and Confluence, Splashtacular and Water Technology, Inc. for their work on Garden Rapids at the Big Pool
- Europa-Park GmbH & Co Mack KG, Mack NeXT GmbH & Co KG, Mack Solutions, PGAV Destinations, ProSlide Technology Inc and Rulantica GmbH & Co Mack KG for their work on the Rulantica Waterpark outdoor expansion
- Polin Waterparks for their development of Utexture technology
- Six Flags Hurricane Harbor Chicago and Ramaker & Associates and WhiteWater for their work on "Tsunami Surge"
- Studio City Water Park and Water Technology, Inc. and WhiteWater for their work on Studio City Water Park



Tolomato Community Development District-Nocatee and WET Engineering, Inc. and WhiteWater for their work on "Parallel Pursuit"

Triple Five Group and American Wave Machines, ProSlide Technology Inc, Water Technology, Inc. / Neuman Group and Weber Group for their work on DreamWorks Water Park

VinWonders Phu Quoc and Polin Waterparks for their work on Typhoon World at VinWonders Phu Quoc

**2020:** Adventure Bay and China Creative Entertainment Co., Ltd and WhiteWater for "Turbo Shuttle"

Europa Park / Rulantica GmbH & Co Mack KG and API WATER FUN GmbH, AQUARENA GmbH, aquila wasseraufbereitungstechnik gmbh, macknext/mack solutions, Murphys Waves Ltd, PGAV Destinations and ProSlide Technology Inc for their work on Rulantica

Grupo Vidanta and Murphys Waves Ltd, Riverflow Pumps by Current Systems Inc., Water Technology, Inc. and WhiteWater for their work on Jungala Aqua Experience

Park of Poland and Murphys Waves Ltd and Polin Waterparks for their work on Suntago Water World

Pirates Bay Waterpark and NINJACROSS™ Systems and Progressive Commercial Aquatics, Inc. for "NINJACROSS™"

Royal Caribbean International and Martin Aquatic Design & Engineering and WhiteWater for the "Perfect Storm Slide Complex"

Wilderness Resorts and Waterparks and Architectural Design Consultants, Inc., Aquatic Development Group, ProSlide Technology Inc, Rain Drop Products LLC, USA, Inc. and Water Odyssey™ by Fountain People, Inc. for their work on Soaky Mountain Waterpark

**2019:** Coventry City Council, FaulknerBrowns Architects, Hadron Consulting Ltd, Murphys Waves Ltd, Neuman Aqua Ltd., Polin Waterparks, Vortex Aquatic Structures International Inc. and Water Technology, Inc. for their work on The Wave Coventry

EPR Properties, Aquatic Development Group, Architectural Design Consultants, Inc. and ProSlide Technology Inc for their work on The Kartrite Resort & Indoor Waterpark

Island H2O Live!, Aquatic Development Group, Innovative Attraction Management, LLC., USA, Inc. and WhiteWater for their work on Island H2O Live!

Royal Caribbean International, Martin Aquatic Design & Engineering and WhiteWater for their work on Thrill Waterpark

Splashway family Waterpark and ProSlide Technology Inc for "Dueling Splash Blasters"

**2018:** Aquaventure Waterpark, Atlantis Resort Sanya and Empex Watertoys, Murphys Waves Ltd, ProSlide Technology Inc, Rolba Loisir S/L and Van Stone Conveyor, Inc. for their work on Aquaventure Waterpark, Atlantis Resort Sanya

Chimelong Water Park and wiegand.maelzer for "SlideWheel"

The City of Grand Prairie, Texas and American Resort Management LLC, OpenAire, Ramaker & Associates and WhiteWater for their work on Epic Waters Indoor Waterpark

The City of Hobbs, New Mexico and Splashtacular and Water Technology, Inc. for their work on The CORE

Hersheypark and ProSlide Technology Inc and Water Technology, Inc. for "Breakers Edge<sup>SM</sup> Water Coaster" and the "Whitecap<sup>SM</sup> Racer"



- 2017:** Aquatic Development Group For The Development Of Twin Tides™ Dual Beach/Dual Entry Wave Pool
- Morgan's Inspiration Island At Morgan's Wonderland & The Pneuchair™
- The Land Of Legends & Polin Waterparks For Their Work On Legend Of Aqua
- Universal Orlando Resort™ And Proslide Technology And Water Technology Inc. For Their Work On Universal's Volcano Bay™
- Wanda Cultural Tourism Planning & Research Institute Co., Ltd. And Whitewater For Their Work On Changbaishan Water Park
- 2016:** Beech Bend Park & Splash Lagoon and ProSlide Technology for "Cyclone Saucers"
- Hyland Hills Water World and Aquatic Development Group for the "Cowabunga Beach"
- Murphys Waves Ltd for the development of Surf-Air®
- Polin Waterparks for their innovations in waterslide manufacturing that allows for artistic theming, unique patterns and sound effects
- Schlitterbahn Galveston Island and WhiteWater for "MASSIV"
- Wanda Cultural Tourism Planning & Research Institute: Theme Park Department for their work on Xishuangbanna Waterpark
- Wet'n Wild Brazil for their Noites Macabras Event
- 2015:** Camelback Lodge & Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark and Architectural Design Consultants, Inc., Aquatic Development Group, Vortex Aquatic Structures International Inc., Weber Group, Inc. and WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. for their work on Camelback Lodge & Aquatopia Indoor Waterpark
- Kalahari Resorts & Conventions and Architectural Design Consultants, Inc., Neuman Group, ProSlide Technology Inc. and Weber Group, Inc. for their work on Kalahari Resorts & Conventions
- Siam Park and ProSlide Technology Inc. for the "Singha"
- Vana Nava Hua Hin Water Jungle and WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. for their work on Vana Nava Hua Hin Water Jungle
- Wet'n'Wild Las Vegas and WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. for their work on launching Slideboarding
- 2014:** Aquaventure at Atlantis The Palm and WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. for the "Tower of Poseidon"
- Cartoon Network Amazone and Polin Waterparks for their work on Cartoon Network Amazone
- Center Parcs and ProSlide Technology Inc. and Water Technology Inc. for their work on the Subtropical Swimming Paradise at Center Parcs Woburn Forest
- Village Roadshow Theme Parks and Myrtha Pools®, ProSlide Technology Inc., Water Technology Inc., and WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. for their work on Wet'n'Wild Sydney



- 2013:** Alpmare & ProSlide Technology Inc. for their work on Splash & Spa Tamaro  
Kinston/Lenoir County Parks & Recreation and Avalanche Waterslides, Inc., Family Fun Corporation and Water Technology, Inc. for their work on Lions Water Adventure  
Nagashima Resort & WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. for the “Boomerang Twist” at Nagashima Resort
- 2012:** Alabama’s SPLASH ADVENTURE Waterpark & WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. for “Wipeout Adventure Course” at Alabama’s SPLASH ADVENTURE Waterpark  
Holiday World & Splashin’ Safari and ProSlide Technology Inc. for “Mammoth” at Holiday World & Splashin’ Safari  
Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi and multiple suppliers for the design and development of Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi  
Aldar Properties PJSC  
Al Jaber LEGT Engineering & Contracting (ALEC)  
ATKINS  
ProSlide Technology Inc.  
Vekoma Rides Manufacturing B. V.  
Water Technology Inc.  
WhiteWater West Industries Ltd.  
WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. and  
Wave Loch

## HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

The World Waterpark Association Hall of Fame exists to recognize and honor those individuals who have made noteworthy achievements in the development and advancement of the water attraction industry. The WWA Hall of Fame celebrates those individuals who have reached a position of eminence through contributions that have provided outstanding service, innovation or advanced the WWA and/or the water attractions industry.

- 2025:** Bonnie Sprague, Soaring Eagle Waterpark and Hotel
- 2024:** Chris Swartz, Saudi Entertainment Ventures  
Ron Hood, The Walt Disney Company
- 2023:** John Child  
Gaylee W. Gillim, Attorney at Law  
Rob Lawson, Daldorado  
Gary Slade, Amusement Today
- 2022:** Billy Hamilton, Universal Orlando Resort  
Patty Miller, World Waterpark Association  
David Sangree, Hotel & Leisure Advisors
- 2021:** Richard “RAC” Carroll, Ellis & Associates  
Randy Neuman, Neuman Pools Inc & Neuman Group
- 2020:** Jim Basala, Deep River Waterpark  
Jim Dunn, Aquatic Development Group



- 2019:** Glenn Davidson, Miral  
Mark Hatchel, Kimley-Horn  
Andrew Mowatt, WhiteWater  
Vera Solis, Typhoon Texas Waterparks
- 2018:** Greg Cloward, Cloward H<sub>2</sub>O  
Kent Lemasters, AmusementAquatic Management Group, Inc. (AMG)  
Greg & Kathy Siggers, Wild Water Adventure Park  
Wolfgang Teichmann, API WATER FUN GmbH
- 2017:** Terri Adams, Schlitterbahn Waterparks & Resorts  
Ken Ellis, Aquatic Development Group, Camelback Resort,  
H2OBX Waterpark, Kartrite Hotel and Indoor Waterpark  
Franceen Gonzales, WhiteWater  
Bob Nagel, Architectural Design Consultants, Inc.
- 2016:** Tom Bergman, MMO INC / BERGMAN Communications  
Roger Currie, Neuman Aqua Ltd.  
Steve Loose, Hyland Hills Water World
- 2015:** Rick Fuller, Water World, Hyland Hills Park and Recreation District  
Chris Mesanko, Thundering Surf Waterpark  
Kenn Ramage, Van Stone Conveyor  
Andrew Wray, WhiteWater West Industries Ltd.
- 2014:** Robert H. "Budge" and Arlene M. Brown  
Sam Haynes, Blue Bayou Water Park  
Jill White, Starfish Aquatics Institute
- 2013:** Gary Bennett, Princeton Development, Inc.  
Phil Dexter, Big Surf Waterpark  
Bob and Billye Henry, Schlitterbahn Waterparks  
Randy Mendioroz, Aquatic Design Group, Inc.  
Ricardo Castillo Sinibaldi, Irtra
- 2012:** Tim Gantz, Waterpark Venture Management LLC  
Sonny Horton, Stone Mountain Park
- 2011:** Lee Hovis, Tolomato Community Development District  
Gary Jackson, Stone Mountain  
Gary Maurek, Hyland Hills Water World  
Nick Scott Sr., Scott Enterprises
- 2010:** Kent Williams, Professional Pool Operators of America  
Jess Shockley, World Waterpark Association  
Will Koch, Holiday World & Splashin' Safari (posthumously)  
John Seeker, Turnstile Advertising
- 2009:** Ron Sutula, Schlitterbahn Galveston Island  
Joe Gibbons, Sega Republic Dubai
- 2008:** Bob Kenney, Golfland Entertainment Centers  
Fred Kenney, Golfland Entertainment Centers  
Jim Kenney, Golfland Entertainment Centers  
Fred Langford, Water World Products  
Todd Nelson, Kalahari Resorts  
Chris Stuart, Silver Rapids Waterpark



- 2007:** R. Wayne Pierce, The Pierce law Firm  
Mark Potiriadis, S&P Architects (posthumously)
- 2006:** Barry Gertz, Neptune-Benson  
Barry Robertson, Big Country Waterslides, Ltd.
- 2005:** Bill Getz, Aquality Consulting (posthumously)  
Tom Lucke, Wilderness Hotel & Resort  
Bruce Neviaser, Great Wolf Resorts  
Terry Ramaker, Ramaker & Associates
- 2004:** Dave Bruschi, World Waterpark Association
- 2003:** Dwight Myers, Aqua Boggin Waterslides  
Terry Turner, Paramount's Carowinds  
Judith Leblein, Water Technology, Inc.  
Tom Lochtefeld, Wave Loch, Inc.  
Greg Briggs, Wild Rivers Waterpark
- 2002:** Richard J. Coulter, Coulter and Associates  
Jim Goldhardt, Sevylor U.S.A  
Alan Heuss, Whitewater West U.S.A.  
Dr. John Hunsucker, National Aquatic Safety Company  
Paula Panton, Water Safety Products
- 2001:** Ed Arrighi, Adventure Bay Water Theme Park  
Rick Faber, Schlitterbahn Water Resort  
Mike Patrick, Busch Gardens  
Steve Rodgers, Roseville Golfland, Ltd.  
Dick Samuels, Water Country Corporation  
Jerry Lee Taylor, Taylor & Associates, Inc.
- 2000:** Rick Briggs, SCS Interactive  
Pat Cartwright, Emerald Pointe and RMD, Inc.  
Geoff Chutter, Whitewater West Industries  
Dick Croul, Richard Croul Enterprises  
Bruce Dalen, Amusement Leisure Worldwide  
Dave Dubeta, Water Fun Products  
Herb Ellis, Aquatic Development Group  
Jeff Ellis, Jeff Ellis & Associates  
Bill Haralson, William L. Haralson & Associates  
Jeff Henry, Schlitterbahn and NBGS International  
Rick Hunter, ProSlide Technology  
Wally James, Con-Serv Associates  
Greg Mastriona, Hyland Hills Water World  
Ernesto Mestas, Fibrart  
George Millay, Sea World and Wet 'n Wild  
Chuck Neuman, Water Technology  
Arturo San Roma, Balneario Ixtapan  
Phyllis Smith, White Water University  
Ned Stancliff, White Water-Atlanta, currently Stone Mountain  
Nico Tienpont, Van Egdome  
Al Turner, World Waterpark Association and Splash Magazine  
Hugo van Zuylen, Duinrell  
Jack Waterman, Noah's Ark and Black Wolf Lodge  
Turk Waterman, Noah's Ark and Black Wolf Lodge  
Gary Zuercher, WaveTek and Sonar International



## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Awarded by the Association's Board of Directors  
for significant accomplishment with their volunteer committees in 2010 / 2011.

- 2011:** Mike Fijas, Safety Committee Chair, Raging Waves  
Chris Landgrave, Education Committee Chair, Deep River Waterpark  
Jessica Steinberg, Public Sector Committee Chair, Magic Waters Waterpark  
Tiffany Woodward, Marketing & Communications Committee Chair, Jackson Street Holdings LLC /  
Wave Renovations LLC

## **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:**

Lifetime Achievement Award: The World Waterpark Association Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes outstanding individuals whose pioneering spirit, inventiveness and level of integrity throughout their careers have improved the industry and provided an excellent example of leadership for fellow industry members.

- 2014:** W.A. James, ConServ Associates, Douglasville, Georgia, U.S.A.  
**2012:** Greg Mastriona, Hyland Hills Water World  
**2004:** George Millay

The following award categories have been retired  
by the WWA's Board of Directors

## **INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP AWARD, WATERPARKS:**

Awarded to park members for setting a consistent, exceptional standard in operations,  
management and facility development in the water attractions industry.

- 2011:** Robin Patrick, Water World  
Splash Kingdom Family Waterpark  
Waterbom Bali
- 2010:** Schlitterbahn, New Braunfels, Texas  
Point Mallard, City of Decatur, Decatur, Alabama
- 2009:** Tim Gantz, Noah's Ark Waterpark  
Busch Entertainment Corporation, Orlando, Florida  
Great Wolf Resorts, Madison, Wisconsin
- 2008:** John Child, Sandcastle Waterpark  
Mark Moore, Splash Universe  
Holiday World & Splashin' Safari, Santa Claus, Indiana
- 2007:** Alpamare AG, Germany



- 2006:** Knight's Action Park & Caribbean Adventure, Springfield, Illinois  
Wet 'n Wild Waterworld, El Paso, Texas  
Six Flags Hurricane Harbor, Largo, Maryland  
Splash Down Waterpark, Manassas, Virginia  
Ocean Oasis – Waterpark and Beach Club, Wildwood, New Jersey
- 2005:** Great Wolf Resorts, Madison, Wisconsin
- 2004:** Whale's Tales Waterpark, Lincoln, New Hampshire  
Wild Rivers, Irvine, California
- 2003:** ProParks  
Knott's Soak City Parks, California
- 2002:** Palace Entertainment, Irvine, California
- 2001:** Silver Dollar City, Branson, Missouri  
Dolly's Splash Water Adventure Park, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
- 2000:** Six Flags, Texas  
Cedar Fair, Sandusky, Ohio
- 1999:** Richard Koh, Wet World
- 1998:** Beach Park, Fortaleza, Brazil
- 1997:** The Beach Waterpark, Mason, Ohio
- 1996:** Wet 'n Wild, Orlando, Florida
- 1995:** Dave Bush, FRE, Inc.
- 1994:** Phyllis & Ralph Smith, White Water University  
Camara Nacional De La Industria De Banos Y Balnearios, Morelos, Mexico
- 1993:** Pat Cartwright, Emerald Pointe  
Will Morey, Sr., Mariner's Landing  
Bill Morey, Sr., Morey's Pier/Raging Waters
- 1992:** Jack Herschend, White Water

### **INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP AWARD, SUPPLIERS:**

Awarded to supplier members for setting a consistent exceptional standard  
of product development and customer service and support in the water attractions industry.

- 2011:** Kathie Luecker, Lincoln Equipment, Inc.  
Randy Neuman, Neuman Pools
- 2010:** Bill Hachmeister, Water Odyssey/Fountain People  
Jim Goldhart, Z Pro  
Paula Panton, Water Safety Products



- 2009:** Mike Holtzman, Profitable Foods  
Kenn Ramage, Van Stone Conveyor / Launch Logic  
Steve Wilson, Grundfos Pumps / Paco Pumps
  
- 2008:** Ludo Feyen, Labo Derva  
Ed Snyder, Zebec  
S&P Architects, London, England
  
- 2007:** Brock Enterprises, Hamden, Connecticut
  
- 2006:** Whitewater West Industries, Richmond, British Columbia, Canada
  
- 2005:** ProSlide Technology, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
  
- 2004:** Gateway Ticketing, Boyertown, Pennsylvania  
Ramaker & Associates, Sauk City, Wisconsin
  
- 2003:** Water Technology, Inc., Beaver Dam, Wisconsin  
Action Park, Picassent, Valencia
  
- 2002:** Pageantry World, Inc., Huntington Beach, California
  
- 2001:** Van Egdom, Holland
  
- 2000:** SCS Interactive, Denver, Colorado
  
- 1999:** Kent Williams, Kent Williams Consulting & Professional Operators of America
  
- 1998:** Aquatic Development Group, Cohoes, New York
  
- 1997:** Amusement Leisure Equipment, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
  
- 1996:** Neptune-Benson, Warwick, Rhode Island
  
- 1995:** Seylor, Los Angeles, California
  
- 1994:** Express Construction, Downers Grove, Illinois  
Ennis Associates, Westminster, Colorado  
Water Safety Products, Melbourne Beach, Florida  
Aquatic Design Group, Carlsbad, California
  
- 1993:** Aquatic Amusement Associates, Cohoes, New York  
New Braunfels General Store, New Braunfels, Texas  
Northeast Aquatic Design, Lynnfield, Massachusetts



## **INDUSTRY INNOVATION AWARD:**

Awarded to individuals or parks for creativity in the development of new themes, facilities, programs, services or operational concepts in the water attractions industry; and to suppliers who have developed new concepts, products or services to the benefit of park members, their customers and the water attractions industry.

- 2011:** Beach Park Waterpark and Empex Watertoys for "Acqua Circo" at Beach Park Waterpark  
CENTAMAN for Real-Time In-Park Count Video Technology  
Disney Cruise Line and Walt Disney Imagineering for "AquaDuck" on the Disney Dream  
Evergreen Wings & Waves Waterpark - Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum  
for Integration of An Education and Aviation Theme In A Waterpark  
Rapids Water Park and ProSlide Technology for "Rapids Racer" at Rapids Water Park  
Spring Valley Beach Water Park and SplashTacular Entertainment for "360Rush"  
at Spring Valley Beach Water Park  
Water Safety Products, Inc. for ValuStair™  
WhiteWater West Industries Ltd. for the World's First Acrylic Master Blaster on a Cruise Ship

## **INDUSTRY INNOVATION AWARD, WATERPARK:**

Awarded to individuals or parks for creativity in the development of new themes, facilities, programs, services or operational concepts in the water attractions industry.

- 2010:** Les Trois Forêts, Center Parcs, Moselle, Lorraine, France  
The Happy Magic Watercube, Chinese National Aquatic Center, Beijing, China  
Legoland Waterpark, Merlin Waterparks, Carlsbad, California
- 2009:** Atlantis The Palm, Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
Sahara Sam's Oasis, Berlin, New Jersey  
Water Waves Land, Mashad, Iran
- 2008:** Aquatica by SeaWorld, Orlando, Florida  
Chimelong Water Park, Guangzhou City, China  
Splash! City of La Mirada, La Mirada, California  
Zoombezi Bay Waterpark, Columbus, Ohio
- 2007:** Great Wolf Resorts-Mason, Mason, Ohio
- 2006:** Ocean Oasis – Waterpark and Beach Club, Wildwood, New Jersey
- 2005:** Six Flags, Great America, Gurnee, Illinois  
Avalanche Bay Indoor Waterpark, Boyne Falls, Michigan
- 2004:** Centre Parcs Europe, The Netherlands  
Wild Wild Wet, Singapore  
Alton Towers, Staffordshire, United Kingdom
- 2003:** Kalahari Resorts, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
- 2002:** Great Wolf Lodge, The Great Lakes Companies, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin
- 2001:** Schlitterbahn Beach Waterpark, South Padre, Texas



- 2000:** Paramount's Carowinds, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 1999:** Atlantis Resort, Paradise Island, Bahamas  
Wild Wadi, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 1998:** Xocomil Waterpark, Guatemala  
OTC Playa Maya, Shenzhen, P.R. of China  
Water World, Ayia Napa, Cyprus
- 1997:** Sunway Lagoon, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 1996:** Schlitterbahn Waterpark & Resort, New Braunfels, Texas
- 1995:** Disney's Blizzard Beach, Lake Buena Vista, Florida  
El Rollo de Olas, Tiaquilttenango, Morelos, Mexico
- 1994:** City of Vista, Vista, California  
Crystal Springs, City of East Brunswick, East Brunswick, New Jersey
- 1993:** Telemark Sommarland, Bo, Norway  
Hyland Hills Water World, Federal Heights, Colorado

### **INDUSTRY INNOVATION AWARD, SUPPLIER:**

**Awarded to suppliers who have developed new concepts, products or services to the benefit of park members, their customers and the water attractions industry.**

- 2010:** GoPod, Best Lockers, Beltsville, Maryland  
AquaSplash, Creative Kingdoms, Tillamook, Oregon  
ProSlide Technology for the "Wildebeest" at Holiday World & Splashin' Safari,  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
Whitewater West Industries for "The Scorpion's Tail" at Noah's Ark Waterpark,  
Richmond, British Columbia, Canada
- 2009:** Haystack Dryers, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
- 2008:** Menerga, Warwick, United Kingdom  
Precision Dynamics Corporation, San Fernando, California
- 2007:** Neptune-Benson, Coventry, Rhode Island
- 2006:** Aquatic Development Group, Texlon Roofing Systems, Cohoes, New York
- 2005:** Click n Print Tickets, Houston, Texas
- 2004:** Anchor Industries, Evansville, Indiana  
Dippin' Dots, Paducah, Kentucky
- 2003:** Talburt & Associates, Kimberling City, Missouri  
Sevylor USA, Los Angeles, California
- 2002:** The Wave House, Wave Loch, Inc., La Jolla, California
- 2001:** Big Squirt, Torrence, California



- 2000:** Water Fun Products, Sylvan Lake, Alberta, Canada  
Amusement Leisure Worldwide
- 1998:** National Rock & Sculpture, Sattler, Texas
- 1996:** Wave Loch, La Jolla, California
- 1995:** ProSlide Technology, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- 1994:** Water Ride Concepts, New Braunfels, Texas  
Lotec B.V., Helmond, Netherlands
- 1993:** R & R Creative Amusement Designs, Anaheim, California  
Stuart Leisure, Ltd., Sussex, England
- 1992:** Rick Briggs, SCS Company  
Jeff Henry, New Braunfels General Store  
Dave Dubeta, Water Fun Products  
Chuck Neuman, Water Technology

*\*No awards were given in 1997 or 1999 in this category.*

### **EMERGING LEADERS EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD:**

**Awarded to a non-managerial employee who has demonstrated consistent service and/or leadership in their position that goes beyond standard expectations of their job description throughout the entire 2014 season—either at a seasonal or in a year-round facility.**

- 2014:** D.J. Auzenne, Schlitterbahn Waterparks, Galveston Island, Texas, U.S.A.  
Joseph Beshears, Disney's Blizzard Beach Water Park, Lake Buena Vista, Florida, U.S.A.  
David Guida, Summit Family Aquatic Center, Summit, New Jersey, U.S.A.
- 2013:** Melanie Alline, NRH<sub>2</sub>O Family Water park  
Mercedes Brunner, Adventure Landing  
Matthew Stevens, SplashDown Beach Water Park  
Huntington Wozniak, The Wave Waterpark
- 2012:** Kevin Ebner, Morey's Piers  
Chris Ford, Splash Kingdom Family Waterpark  
Samuel Gilek, City of Henderson  
Christine Gorczyca, Casino Pier & Jenkinson's Breakwater Beach Waterpark  
Zikomo Sargeant, CoCo Key Water Resort

### **EMERGING LEADERS HEROES AMONG US AWARD:**

**Awarded to a part-time or seasonal employee working at a seasonal or year-round facility who played an integral role in an event, whether inside the park or outside, that impacted guests or the local community in a large or significant way.**

- 2013:** Cailee Hepler, Breakers Water Park



## PRESIDENT'S AWARD

- 1995:** Ned Stancliff, White Water Atlanta
- 1994:** Jerry Lee Taylor, Taylor & Associates
- 1993:** Greg Mastriona, Hyland Hills Water World
- 1992:** Jack and Turk Waterman, Noah's Ark Waterpark

## EXCELLENCE IN WATERPARK DEVELOPMENT

- 1996:** Caribbean Bay, Seoul, South Korea