



AAU SPORT AWARDS



AAU Wrestling Awards

Willard T. Vandivier Award - Awarded to the volunteer who has donated the most outstanding service to the youth of their community.

- 1986 - Jim Herold
- 1987 - Steve Ross
- 1988 - Michael L. Smith
- 1989 - John Feitag
- 1990 - Tom McCann
- 1991 - Larry Bergstrom
- 1992 - Henry Harmoney
- 1993 - Bart Freidenberg
- 1994 - Warren Wilson
- 1995 - Larry Bergstrom
- 1996 - Ken Chertow
- 1997 - Warren Wilson
- 1998 - The Niagara Association
- 1999 - Chris Orlando
- 2000 - The Wagner Family
- 2001 - Jason Bryant
- 2002 - Charlie Church
- 2003 - Dave Bennetts
- 2004 - Rose Lucero
- 2005 - James Hewitt
- 2006 - Terry Williams
- 2007 - Norm Palovcsik
- 2008 - Norman Thacker
- 2009 - Laurie Abernathy
- 2010 - Don Barnett
- 2011 - Lee Pamulak
- 2012 - Larry Lujan
- 2013 - Dan Helmick

District Person of the Year - Presented to the person who has made the greatest contribution

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| 1982 - Larry Bergstrom | 2022 - Robert Pilcher |
| 1983 - None | 2023 - Jason Loyd |
| 1984 - None | 2024 - Troy Greder |
| 1985 - David Bergum | |
| 1986 - None | |
| 1987 - Michaelene Flagg | |

1988 - Walter Flagg
1989 - Cindi Trombly
1990 - Bob Johnson
1991 - Bob Johnson
1992 - Mike Klein
1993 - Jamie Shade
1994 - Bob Johnson
1995 - Jack Roller
1996 - Bart Freidenberg
1997 - Chuck Smith
1998 - Wade Schalles
1999 - Frank Lipoli
2000 - Bruce Ollis
2001 - Terry Williams & Vick Morales
2002 - Stan Chambers
2003 - Guy Melby
2004 - Rodney Grainger
2005 - Lee Pamulak
2006 - Manny Garcia
2007 - John Abad
2008 - Doug Denson
2009 - Todd Miller
2010 - Dan Swatek
2011 - Scott Szalwinski
2012 - David Mudgett
2013 - Dan Elser

Mort Geller - Honoring the International Style Official in the AAU.

1973 - Jerry Wager	2019 - Mark Levasseur
1974 - Steve Evanoff	2023 - Mort Geller
1975 - Jack Gause	
1976 - Dick Torio	
1977 - Ed Garber	
1978 - Pepi King	
1979 - Dr. Larry Warren & Jim Herold	
1980 - Rick Tucci	
1981 - Dick Comly	
1982 - Sheila Wager	
1983 - None	
1984 - None	
1985 - Jan Hesser	
1986 - Kevin Martin	
1987 - Dick Comly	
1988 - Paul Pearce & Emily Carpenter	
1989 - Fr. Michael Devine & Susan Dennis	
1990 - Jerry Matsumoto & Edie Higgins	
1991 - Don Herold & Clara Smith	
1992 - Mike Klein	
1993 - Jamie Shade	
1994 - Kurt Weinberger	

1995 - Dave Boger
1996 - Nick Rollo
1997 - Dave Bennetts
1998 - Dave Boger
1999 - Mort Geller
2000 - Ira Fleckman
2001 - Joe Sylvestri
2002 - Mike Rusak
2003 - Pete Bolanis
2004 - Sam Julien
2005 - Rodney Grainger
2006 - Joe E. Silvestri
2007 - Scott McAdoo
2008 - Blake Love
2009 - Dale Gardner
2010 - Chuck Sherer
2011 - Drew Anderson
2012 - Deddrick (DJ) Worthy
2013 - Larry Lehnerz
2014 - TBA
2015- Kurt Weinberger
2016- Karl Nadolsky
2017- Brock Zollinger
2018 - Jake Love

Folkstyle Official - Awarded to the best Folkstyle Official in the AAU.

1998 - Dave Bennetts	2019- Chris Cheff
1999 - Phil Pennington	2022 - Lanny Brand
2000 - Ron Minoletti	2023 - Scott Smith
2001 - Ross Thomas	
2002 - Tom Holland	
2003 - Kenneth Watkins	
2004 - Frank Pavich	
2005 - Barb Brummet	
2006 - Paul Bassinger	
2007 - Terry Williams	
2008 - Ross Thomas	
2009 - Lenny Geno	
2010 - Don Schroder	
2011 - Don Elsea	
2012 - Al Van Whye	
2013 - Rick Solofsky	
2014 - Michael Diglia	
2015- Alan Soloman	
2016- Sean Cheff	
2017- Kurt Weinberger	
2018 - Tony Guerrero	

Pairing Master - Awarded to the most Outstanding Pairing Master Official in the AAU.

1994 - Diane Pearce
1995 - Bev Collier
1996 - Lillian McCracken
1997 - Sue Dennis
1998 - Emily Carpenter
1999 - Emily Carpenter
2000 - Karen Wilson
2001 - Donna Taylor
2002 - Don Whitmus
2003 - Tonya Wagner
2004 - Bill Rewitzer
2005 - Marie Hatcher
2006 - Cindi Trombly
2007 - Darlene Grainger
2008 - Melissa Schutt
2009 - Darlene Grainger
2010 - Sabrina Corbett
2011 - Gale Brown
2012 - Angie Burrows
2013 - Amanda Cortez
2014 - Dan Vacha
2015- Emily Johnson
2016- Donna Taylor
2017- Kevin Wright
2018 - Darlene Grainger

2019- Roger Riggins
2022 - Lexie Winesburgh
2023 - Dale Bradford
2024 - Sarah Reynolds

Wrestling Person of the Year - Honoring the individual who has done the most for the advancement of AAU Wrestling.

1973 - Newt Cople
1974 - Newt Cople
1975 - John Dustin
1976 - Newt Cople
1977 - Joe Scalzo
1978 - Newt Cople
1979 - Guenther Kruse
1980 - Don Murray
1981 - Dave Edington
1982 - None
1983 - None
1984 - None
1985 - Kevin Martin
1986 - Josh Henson
1987 - Jim Thomas
1988 - Jack Crider
1989 - Pat Hill
1990 - Joe Neely
1991 - Karen Wilson
1992 - Bob Johnson
1993 - Lee Pamulak
1994 - Emily Carpenter

2019- Jason Loyd
2022 - Jason Loyd
2023 - Robert Pilcher
2024 - Les Painter

1995 - Kevin Martin
1996 - Jack Roller
1997 - Bart Freidenberg
1998 - Wade Schalles
1999 - Mike Newburn
2000 - John Purnell
2001 - Mike Lujan
2002 - Sue Dennis
2003 - Joe Wilson
2004 - Chris Orlando
2005 - Steve Daugherty & Mary Ancona
2006 - Darlene Grainger
2007 - Darrel Lauderdale
2008 - Larry Lujan
2009 - Jack Crider
2010 - Tony Staley
2011 - David Smith
2012 - Trevor Hartwig
2013 - David Mudgett
2014 - Wes Creason
2015- John Salter
2016- Doug Denson
2017- Dan Roland
2018- Dan & Kris Vacha

Sustained Superior Performance Award - individual who has given 20 plus years of service dedicated to the development of AAU Wrestling.

1967 - Bill Schriver	2019- Jack Crider
1968 - Maurice E. "Pat" McGill	2022 - Don Elsea
1969 - John K. Eareckson	2023 - Lisa Gorder
1970 - Steere Noda	2024 - Shane Gorder
1971 - George Myerson	
1972 - Fendly Collins	
1973 - Ivan Olsen	
1974 - Billy Martin	
1975 - Cy Mitchell	
1976 - Roy Moore	
1977 - Andrew Kovacz	
1978 - Billy Vandiver	
1979 - John Schindle	
1980 - Capt. Stephen Archer	
1981 - Elias George	
1982 - Frank M. Crosby	
1983 - Joe Henson	
1984 - Wes Brown	
1985 - Dean Rockwell	
1986 - None	
1987 - Muri E. Thrush	
1988 - David Rivenes	
1989 - Larry Bergstrom	
1990 - Josiah Henson	

1991 - John Hale
1992 - Jim Thomas
1993 - Jim Herold
1994 - None
1995 - Michael L. Smith
1996 - Kevin Martin
1997 - Laris Roberts
1998 - Luda Dixon
1999 - Cindi Trombly & Laris Roberts
2000 - Preston * Ira Kiprivica's
2001 - Archie Crawford
2002 - Monsignor Michael Devine
2003 - Jean Olson
2004 - Lillian McCracken
2005 - Jamie Schade
2006 - Karen Wilson
2007 - Elias George
2008 - Don Whitmus
2009 - Lee Pamulak
2010 - Terry Williams
2011 - Dave Bennetts
2012 - Wes Creason
2013 - Curt Williams
2014 - Darrel Lauderdale
2015- Rodney & Darlene Grainer
2016- Don Barnett
2017- Don Elsea
2018 - Don Barnett

Special Service Award

2004 - Cougar Wrestling Club
2005 - The Lucero Family
2006 - Jane & Pat Miner
2007 - Jim & Betty Scollard
2007 - Mike & Julie Challeen
2008 - Wade Behm & Frank Pavich
2009 - Bob Johnson Family
2010 - Rodney & Darlene Grainger & Family
2011 - Shane & Lisa Gorder
2012 - Craig Hellwege
2013 - Mike & Doris Smith
2014 - Donna Silvestri
2015- Stacey Rice
2016- The Wilson Family
2017- Blake & Kathy Love
2018 - John & Melissa Kramer

2019- Amanda & Corey Cortez

Friends of AAU Award

2005 - Senator Nancy Rodriguez
2006 - Wrestling Apparel

2019- Rick Solosky
2022 - Rough House Athletics

2007 - John Hackney
2008 - Jerry & Sheila Wager
2009 - UNO Wrestling
2010 - Fred Schoeler
2011 - 3X Gear Todd Fuller & Steve Saxton
2012 - NA
2013 - WIN MAGAZINE
2014 - Southeastern Wrestling Group
2015- Shane & Lisa Gorder
2016- Renee & Javier Atencio
2017- Adiddas
2018- Troy & Janell Jensen

2023 - Rudis
2024 - 3xGear

AAU Coach of the Year

1976 - Wayne Baughman
1977 - Jerry Wager
1978 - Ron Johnson
1979 - Lee Allen
2006 - Danny Upchurch
2007 - Steve Harner
2008 - Rolly Fink
2009 - Gary Wise
2010 - Tom McCann
2011 - Todd Miller
2012 - John Brown
2013 - Randy Burwick
2014 - Jody Strittmatter
2015- Chris Saylor
2016- Rob Pilcher
2017- Ralph Cubberly
2018 - Todd Miller
2019 - Mike Sutherland
2022 - Joe Weir
2023 - Charles Morris
2024 - George Bergman

Women's Referee of the Year

2024 - Nadine Johnston

Referee of the Year

2024 - Mark Kenny