

RECOGNITION OF OTAC AWARD HONOREES

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2025	Terri Chew Nishimura	2001	Florence Clark
2024	Alison H. George	2000	Dottie Ecker
2023	Gordon Muir Giles	1999	Elizabeth Yerxa
2022	Erna Imperatore Blanche	1998	Evelyn Jaffe
2021	Jerilyn 'Gigi' Smith	1997	Sarah Kelly
2020	Winifred Schultz-Krohn	1996	Ada Granger
2019	Anne MacRae	1995	Jan Matsutsuyu
2018	Susan Harris	1994	Kilulu Von Prince
2017	Guy L. McCormack	1993	Doris Heredia
2016	Ruth Ramsey	1992	Edwinna Marshall
2015	Lisa Test	1991	Lela Llorens
2014	Ann Neville-Jan	1990	Frances Kelly
2013	Michele Berro	1989	Eleanor L. Hillger
2012	Mary Evert	1988	Dorothy Wilson
2011	Heidi McHugh Pendleton	1984	Florence Cromwell
2010	Catherine Earhart	1983	Ethlyn Stinson
2008	Margaret Phillips	1982	A. Jean Ayres
2007	Amy Killingsworth	1981	Carlotta Welles
2006	Linda Florey	1980	Doris Cutting
2005	Diane Foti	1979	Bekken Holdeman
2004	Susan Knox	1978	Gwen Wright
2003	Mary Foto	1977	Jean Peck
2002	Ruth Zemke		

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

2025	Natalie A. Perkins	2001	Christine Wietlisbach
2024	Sharon A. Cermack	2000	Elizabeth Cara
2023	Claudia G. Peyton	1999	Linda Fazio
2022	Deborah J. Bolding	1997	Brenda Collins
2021	Margaret 'Peg'	1996	Linda Florey
	Ann Bledsoe	1995	Susan Harris
2020	Christy Billock	1994	Ruth Zemke
2017	Deborah B. Pitts	1993	Janet Jabri
2016	Heather Thomas	1992	Margaret A. Phillips
2015	Julie Bissell	1991	Susan Knox
2014	Shawn Phipps	1990	Patricia Shiokari
2013	Pamela Richardson	1989	Ardith Breton
2012	Bonnie Nakasuji	1988	Susan Cleary Schwartz
2011	Erna Imperatore Blanche	1987	Diane Hendricks
2010	Michele Berro	1986	Kilulu Von Prince
2009	Teri Wiss	1985	Mary Kasch
2008	Winifred Schultz-Krohn	1984	Mary Margaret Evert
2007	Thelma Wellerson Hook	1983	Evelyn Jaffe
2006	Linda Tank	1982	Dale Houston
2005	Jerilyn 'Gigi' Smith	1981	Dorothy Wilson
2004	Pamela Roberts	1980	Sarah Kelly
2003	Heidi Pendleton	1978	Mary Lou Hymen
2002	Charles Strauch	1977	Julie Shaperman

OTA HONORARY AWARD

2022	Sharon L. Pavlovich	2004	Danielle Meglio
2017	Erika Agustin	2001	Marlene Van Vliet
2015	Ada Boone Hoerl	2000	Patricia Shiokari
2014	Cindy Garcia	1999	Barbara Forte
2011	Gloria Romero	1996	Jacalyn Mardrossian
2009	Yvonne C. Trousdale	1995	Terri Olivas-De La O
2005	Bobbi Jean Tanberg	1994	Patricia O'Hare

JANICE MATSUTSUYU OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

2024	Joseph A. Juse	2006	Rondalyn Whitney
2023	Heather J. Kitching	2004	Patricia Nagaishi
2022	Alison H. George	2003	Sarah Kelly
2020	Jerilyn 'Gigi' Smith	2002	Linda Tank
2019	Sherry M. Hite	2001	Danielle Meglio
2018	Bryant Edwards	2000	Luella Grangaard;
2017	Elizabeth G. Gomes		Guy McCormack
2016	Luis Arabit	1999	Diana Su-Erickson
2014	Gayle San Marco	1998	Michele Berro
2013	Arameh Anvarizadeh	1997	Patricia Bascom
2012	Samia Rafeedie	1996	Cindy Burt
2011	Heather Kitching	1995	Barbara Gale
2010	Lora Woo	1994	Diane Crabtree
2009	Bonita A. Kraft	1993	Laura Caron-Parker
2008	Gina Ceja	1992	Janet Jabri
2007	Marlene Steele		

SUSAN J. HARRIS OT ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

2025	Barbara Phillips	2013	Tammy Richmond
2024	Swati Shah	2012	Bonnie Nakasuji;
2023	Jayson Davies		Erna Imperatore Blanche
2022	Hiral Khatri	2011	John Goodfellow
2020	Laura Park Figueroa	2010	Mary Kay Gallagher
2018	M. Terry Bowman	2009	Fredlyn S. Berger
2016	Sonia Lopez	2008	Tara Delaney
2015	Julie Groves	2007	Susan Harris
2014	Terri Nishimura		

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE AWARD

2025	Don Gordon	2004	Laurie Nelson
2024	Denise Ha	2003	Valerie Adams
2023	Zoe Mailloux	2002	Winifred Schultz-Krohn
2022	Julie Groves	2001	Karin Bonfils Kleinhans
2021	Ana G. Verran	2000	Gordon Muir Giles
2020	Stephanie Foster	1999	Marti Southam
2018	Monica Becerril	1998	Elise Holloway
2017	Kathleen J. Shanfield	1997	Elizabeth Snow
2016	Sandra Okada	1996	Luella Grangaard
2015	Chantelle Rice	1995	Joanna Patton
2014	Nicolaas van den Heever	1994	Deborah Morawski
2013	Elizabeth G. Gomes	1993	Georgette Dufresne
2012	Michal Atkins	1992	Claudia Allen
2011	Deborah B. Pitts	1991	Yuriko Lynn Yasuda
2010	Sarah R. Bream	1990	Margaret A. Phillips
2009	Christine Wietlisbach	1989	Thelma Hook
2008	Margaret 'Peg' Bledsoe	1988	Susan Knox
2007	Lisa Deshaies	1985	Linda Ogden
2006	Lynna Kaplan	1984	Dorothy Ecker
2005	Shawn Phipps		

OT/OTA PARTNERSHIP AWARD

2023	Ingrid Leu;	2005	Terry Olivas-De La O;
	Rodney Harris		Elvira Arzaga Rubio
2019	Dawn N. Hironaka;	2004	Laurie Nelson;
	Laura Deary		Suzanne Olah-Macek;
2012	Christine Wietlisbach;		Rebecca Gibson
	Danielle Meglio	1997	Renee Soderlund;
2007	Sharon Pavlovich;		Jacalyn Mardrossian
	Karen Pendleton		

SPECIAL AWARD

1986 Jane Marvin

MEDIA AWARD

2025	Patricia Motus	2020	Goodfellow
2024	Kiley Hanish		Occupational Therapy
2022	Karen L. Park	2017	Sarah R. Bream
2021	Bill Wong		

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FIELDWORK EDUCATOR AWARD

2025	Cesar Arada	2012	Judi Palladino
2024	Paul Penoliar	2009	Barbara Rodrigues
2022	Harold T. Neuendorff	2008	Marilyn Masunaka-Noreiga
2021	Becky Crouch		Lora Woo
2020	Mariel Schmidt	2007	Deborah Bolding
2018	Dawn Arias	2006	Bonnie Nakasuji
2017	Janet A. Daimaru	2005	Fred Snively
2016	Gina Phelps	2004	Jayne Taguchi-Meyer
2015	Karen L. Park	2002	Kathryn Gundersen
2014	Diane Mayfield	2000	Gitu Bhavnani
2013	Alann Salvador	1999	

AWARD OF APPRECIATION

2024	Erin McIntyre	2012	Mildred "Mickey" Galef
2023	Carlin Daley Reaume,	2010	Denise M. Miller
2022	Chana K. Hiranaka	2007	John Watson
	Taisha Trotman	2006	Patti Yonochko Horsley
2021	Eileen S. Auerbach	2005	Mary Reilly
	Lynna Kaplan	2004	Gelya Frank
2020	Susan C. Robertson	2001	Psychiatric Occupational Therapy Action Coalition (POTAC)
2019	Kathryn I. Gundersen		O.T. Associates-
2017	Aviril Sepulveda	1988	Susan J. Harris
2016	Lynette Beadles		
2014	Sarah R. Bream		
2013	Lisa Hiestand		

VISION AWARD

2025	Rebecca Cunningham	2021	CSU Dominguez Hills & Santa Ana College OT/OTA Collaborative Fieldwork Program
2024	California Foundation for Occupational Therapy		Jennifer Brouwers
2023	Heather Javaherian Dysinger, Assembly Member		Zurit Horowitz
	Blanca E. Rubio		Hecky Hua
2021	Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry		Courtney Jarvis
			Faith R. Moy
			Jessica Padilla
		2017	OT Centennial Rose Parade Float Committee and Volunteers

SPIRIT OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AWARD

2025	Jhennylyn Rivera-Villano	2019	Homeboy Industries
2024	Wendy B. Stav	2017	Frank Kronenberg
2023	Stephanie Moon	2016	CSU Dominguez Hills - Integrating Cultures through Occupational Therapy
2022	Maureen E. Johnson		
2020	Paul Penoliar, Elvy Fuentes, Deborah Han		

MAKE A DIFFERENCE AWARD

2005	Senator Elaine White	1998	Loretta and Frank Biehl
	Alquist		
2000	Fred Somers, Charles Strauch, Chuck Willmarth		

LUELLA GRANGAARD POLITICAL ACTION AWARD

2025	Rena Dinin Katrikh	2014	Kyle Yetter
	Lisa A. Test	2013	Luis Arabit
2023	Luis Arabit	2012	Guy L. McCormack
2022	Richard A. Bookwalter	2011	Michelle Farmer
2021	Lauren Lopez	2010	Christine Wietlisbach
2018	Jerry Jordan	2007	Matthew Arigo
2015	Sabrena McCarley	2004	Luella Grangaard

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

2025	Trinity K. Mecham	2014	Samantha Itaya
2022	Teresa Pham	2013	Dimos Tsigkakos
2021	Jhennylyn Rivera	2012	Monique Wolkoff
2020	Maria Cristina Jimenez	2011	Eun Sik (Charlie) Yu
2019	Colleen Nunn	2010	Brittney Sevo Weinerth
2018	Jessica Roestenburg	2005	Amy Olney
2017	Hiral Khatri	2002	Heather J. Kitching
2016	Noelani Brisbane	2001	Elizabeth Chung
2015	Cynthia Ting		

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

2020	Diana Su-Erickson	2007	Annette Bushong
2018	Julie Bissell	2006	Marlene Steele, Chuck Strauch
	Lisa Test		Linda Lederer
	Capitol Advocacy	1991	Julie Groves
2011	Amy Lamb	1990	Hazel Simin
2010	Florence Clark, Judith Palladino	1989	Jeanette Workman-Cosentino
2009	Penny Moyers Cleveland, Brian J. Stiger, Chuck Willmarth	1987	Barbara Forte
2008	Annette Bushong, Charles Strauch		

HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBER

2016	Florence Clark, Diane Mayfield, Judith Palladino	Recognized prior to 1977
2006	Lois Barber, Evelyn Jaffe, Lela Llorens, Mary Reilly	
2004	Ruth Zemke, Elizabeth Yerxa	
		Carolyn Brinn,
		Florence Cromwell,
		Doris Cutting
		Naomi Dommke
		Elizabeth Holdeman
		Ethlyn Stinson
		Carlotta Welles
		Harriet Zlatohlavek

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