

USTA Eastern Past Award Winners

Eastern Individual Awards:

Lifetime Achievement Award: Awarded to a volunteer in recognition of years of dedicated service, while promoting and developing tennis in the community. This individual has made a great impact on spreading their passion of tennis, while touching the lives of many.

2012	Bob Ryland
2013	Terry Fontana
2015	Elaine Viebranz
2018	Peter Lyman (posthumously)
2019	Lou Wiggs
2020	Ingrid Rehwinkel
2021	Lorraine Rohlsen
2022	Steve Pekich

Tennis Woman of the Year: Awarded to a female USTA Eastern volunteer in recognition of outstanding service to tennis in the section.

1998	Eileen Leonard
1999	Linda Rosensweig
2000	Peggy Gluck
2001	Kerstin Speller
2002	Barbara Williams
2004	Carol Watson
2006	Amber Marino
2007	Dina Ingersole
2008	Pam Glick
2009	Jackie Guy
2010	Katrina Adams
2011	Lisa Camerino
2012	Deborah Antoine
2013	Leana Marcezin
2014	Kathy Miller
2015	Fran Osei
2016	Sue Wold
2017	Laurie Bowen
2018	Sunny Fishkind
2019	Roberta Feldman
2020	Adrienne Alteri
2021	Darcy Cobb
2022	Janet Lefkowitz

Leslie J. FitzGibbon Tennis Man of the Year: Awarded to a male USTA Eastern volunteer in recognition of long and outstanding service to tennis in the section.

1998	Louis Dimock
1999	Robert W. Ingersole
2000	Ray Fitzmartin
2001	Dr. Irving V. Glick
2002	Herbert L. Schultz
2004	Sylvester Almiron, M.D.
2005	Dick Zausner
2006	Lewis H. "Skip" Hartman
2007	Dick Walther
2008	Pete Bostwick
2009	Milton Alexander (posthumously)
2010	Jim Neal
2011	Lloyd Emanuel
2012	Ed Wolfarth
2013	Dale Caldwell

2014	Tom Hutcherson
2015	Dante Brown
2016	Jeff Rothstein
2017	Jeff Williams
2018	Mark McIntyre
2019	Tim Heath
2020	Daniel Burgess Sr. (posthumously)
2021	Harry Keely
2022	Scott Axler

Tennis Family of the Year: In recognition of a family who supports the game of tennis through service and is committed to the game of tennis as players and/or volunteers.

1998	S.J. Kobak Family
1999	William Wiese Family
2000	Robert Morton Family
2001	Patrick Feathers Family
2006	Miller Family
2006	Kandath Family
2007	McEnroe Family
2008	Cary Family
2009	Schmitz Family
2011	Starke Family
2012	Spigner Family
2013	Simunyola Family
2014	Yee Family
2015	Thyroff Family
2016	Cruz Family
2017	Fishback Family
2018	Davis Family
2019	Arbogast Family
2020	Perry Family
2021	Pusoo Family
2022	Mann Family

Louise Cilla Award: Recognizes a female adult (senior) player who has exemplified outstanding sportsmanship both on and off the court and who has contributed much to the game.

1998	Nadine Netter
1999	Lee Burling
2000	Connie Jones
2001	Mary Lenore Blair
2002	Tina Taps
2004	Deborah Slaner Larkin
2005	Ellen Markowitz
2006	Abbi Neuthaler
2007	Nancy Neff
2008	Louise Cash
2009	Jane Zenker
2010	Diane Kohout
2011	Pat Frey
2012	Isabel Fernandez
2013	Carol Levine
2014	Andrea Abels
2015	Grace Woo & Susanne Clark
2016	Lola O'Sullivan
2017	n/a
2018	Mae Hines
2019	Bee Stephens
2020	Joan Manfredi-Carter
2021	Linda Gohagan
2022	Marion Nies

Profiles in Courage Award: Awarded to a tennis enthusiast or advocate who has demonstrated the ability to overcome adversity and display strength and optimism.

2004 Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe
2020 Gavin Vander Schaaf (Junior) & Mary-Margaret Sohns (Adult)
2021 Jason Pasion & Al Pawlinski
2022 Wil Murtaugh

George Seewagen Award: Awarded to a USTA Eastern teaching professional who exemplifies excellence in competition, sportsmanship and love of the game.

1998 Ron E. Holmberg
1999 Dr. Renee Richards
2000 Rick Liebman
2001 Lloyd Emanuel
2002 Tony Palafox
2004 Kela Simanyola
2005 Bob Litwin
2006 Maureen Rankine
2007 Steve Pekich
2008 Marvin Dent
2009 Tatsumi Okuda
2010 Mark Savage
2011 Jeff Rothstein
2012 Ron Dyson
2013 Lawrence Kleger
2014 Billy Nealon
2015 Andre Sinclair
2016 Howie Arons (posthumously)
2017 Keith Kambourian
2018 Adrian Chirici
2019 Yhonny Murray
2020 Debbie Miller
2021 Robert Bynum
2022 Asim Sengun

Umpire Service Award: Awarded to a USTA Eastern sectional umpire who has contributed greatly to the field of tennis officiating.

1998 Lura Mountford
1999 Roslyn R. Beck
2000 George & Geri Wu
2001 Millie Scola
2002 Helen P. Howey
2004 Marcia Plant
2005 Vincent Price
2006 Edward M. Greene
2007 Bill Zangle
2008 Cam Bundy
2009 n/a
2010 Bill George
2011 Tony Nimmons
2012 David Hanzes
2013 Ferne Nelkin
2014 Turhan Wilbon
2015 Marion DeLeo
2016 Eileen Leonard

2017	Michael Maye
2018	Toni Baller
2019	Carl Richko
2020	Tina Nabinger
2021	Theresa Cary
2022	Ogbonna Chilaka

Virginia and Chuck Landis High School Coach of the Year: Awarded to a high school tennis coach who has shown exemplary leadership, enthusiasm and team building skills.

1998	Elliot Lovi - Millburn Livingston HS
1999	Ron Fuller - Fayetteville Manlius HS
2000	Terry McMahon - Orchard Park HS
2001	Samuel Fishman
2002	Jamie Greenburg O'Donnell
2004	Neil Stepman
2005	John Brennan
2006	Phil Rudolph
2007	Rick Steiner
2008	Dale Cole
2009	Bayard Faithfull
2010	Rich Johns
2011	Barry Kubit – Oceanside HS
2012	Michael Pavides – Massapequa HS
2013	Bill MacArthur
2014	Ken Alrutz
2015	Urvashi "Tutu" Gupta
2016	Mike Marriam
2017	Chris Horgan – Medina HS
2018	Marion Foley
2019	Marianne Leung – Albany HS
2020	Mike Mitchell – New Brunswick High School
2021	Shai Fisher – Syosset HS
2022	Steven Ferrantello

Fran Osei Community Service Award: Awarded for long time, hands-on contributions to the development and growth of tennis in the community (schools, parks and recreation, CTAs and NJTLs).

1994	Jim O'Neil
2004	Amber Ablan & Milton Alexander
2008	Loretta Van Raalte
2009	John LaRose
2010	Charles DeNicola
2011	Charles Nanton
2012	Shannon Ross
2013	Steve McGarry
2014	Ed Baker
2015	Bill Noonan
2016	Dale Balun
2017	Daniel Burgess
2018	George Besch
2019	Hollis Williams
2020	Greater Newark Tennis & Education
2021	Aida DiRogotis
2022	Phyllis Orlowski

Diversity & Inclusion Leadership Award: Awarded to a person or organization who has demonstrated leadership and promotional initiatives in bringing tennis programs to diverse communities within the section.

2003 Lorraine Rohlsen
2004 Arvelia Myers / Lorraine Rohlsen / Dan Burgess & Emily Moore
2005 Fran Gray
2006 Naveen Singh
2007 15 Love/Capital Region Youth Tennis Foundation
2009 Jim O'Neill
2010 Lou Reid
2011 Pablo Sierra
2012 Marsha Huard
2013 Jamie Moore
2014 Danny Bernstein
2015 Bill Anthony Racho
2016 Dennis Maher
2017 Rebecca Jackson
2018 Jennifer Kagan & Charlie McKenna
2019 Joe Rodriguez
2020 Domingo Montes
2021 Ron Thomas
2022 Steven Mingo

Clinician of the Year: Awarded to a teaching professional whose dedication and enthusiasm in teaching USTA programs (schools, parks and recreation, CTAs, NJTLs, staff trainings and clinics) have helped to increase player participation and retention in the section.

2003 Shawna McFarlane
2004 Mark Savage & Steve Pekich
2005 Steve Pekich
2008 Bob Bynum
2009 Michelle Skelley
2010 Billy Nealon
2011 Lou Reid
2012 Sunny Fishkind
2013 Sam LaDuka
2014 Bob deVente
2015 Chuck Russell
2016 Domingo Montes
2017 Michelle Skelley
2018 Jason Speirs
2019 Brian Dahlstrom
2020 Laramie Green
2021 Steven Mingo
2022 Wayne Martin

Press Service Award: Awarded to a member of the press corps for excellence in reporting tennis in the section.

1998 Ed Goldman / Brad Barth (Syosset-Jericho Tribune) /
Sam Corso (Syracuse Herald Journal) / Jon Ramirez (Passing Shot)
1999 Karl Anton (The Westbury Times) & Walter Sanchez (Queens Ledger Newspaper Group)
2000 Sean Brennan (NY Daily News) / Stacy China (Associated Press) /
Liza Horan (Tennis Magazine) / Sylvia King (Queens Newsday)
2001 William Buell (The Gazzette) & Jane McManus (The Journal News)
2002 Rich Pagliaro (Tennisweek.com)
2004 Chris Russo
2005 Brad Hirst & Charlie Garfinkel
2006 Marcia Frost
2007 Mark Ahrens
2008 Nancy McShea
2009 LI Tennis Magazine
2010 Tennis Channel
2011 Sherwin So
2012 Jacki Binder
2013 David Sickmen

2014	n/a
2015	John Johnson (Watertown Daily Times)
2016	Diane Rutherford (WWNY-TV)
2017	n/a
2018	Brian Coleman (New York & Long Island Tennis Magazine)
2019	Sal Interdonato (Times Herald Record)
2020	Jeff Williams (Newsday)
2021	n/a
2022	Jacki Binder

Service to/People with Disabilities Award: This award is to recognize outstanding people dedicated to working with special populations through tennis or to give special recognition to a disabled player.

2006	Lorraine Rohlsen
2007	Delynn Orton
2008	Aki Takayama
2009	Ted Mascola
2010	Melanie Fauchet
2011	Daria Pascale
2012	Toni Funke
2013	Gillian Cohen
2014	Jenny Sorber
2015	Paul Campbell
2016	Michele Arbogast
2017	John DeBaun
2018	Joanna Neih
2019	Move Along
2020	Ali Goldman (Tennis Serving Vets)
2021	Mary Ellen Whitney (Stride Adaptive Sports)
2022	Billy Ciejka; Paige Mills

USTA League Award: Awarded to a captain or coordinator who has made a significant contribution in the growth and development of USTA League Tennis in the section.

2004	Sandy Hoffman
2005	Sue Wold
2006	Shawna MacFarlane
2007	Kathy Miller
2008	Sandy Sulik
2009	Reeta Hayes
2010	Fran Hart
2011	Jonathan Klee
2012	Deborah-Rose Andrews
2013	Ginger Wade & Tina Buschi
2014	Cheryl Ladopoulos
2015	Hazel Rodney
2016	Steve Pekich
2017	Judy Carnavos
2018	Wendy Goffin
2019	n/a
2020	Allan Silverstein & Susan D'Alessandro
2021	Alexandrine Crane
2022	Amy Stohl

Junior Team Tennis Award: Awarded to a captain or coordinator who has made a significant contribution in the growth and development of USTA Junior Team Tennis in the section.

2006	Janice Campbell
2007	Cindy Kandath

2008	Ken Goldsmith
2009	Cathy Yee
2010	Steve Abbondondelo
2011	Loretta Van Raalte
2012	Michelle Byrne
2013	Ashok Samuel
2014	Pat Mosquera
2015	Katherine Connelly
2016	Dylan Davis
2017	Geoff Jagdfeld
2018	Joanie Akpan
2019	Deb Magarrell
2020	Alexander Bessarabov
2021	Michelle Wilson
2022	Christopher Galle

10 and Under Tennis Award: Awarded to a person or organization who has done an outstanding job promoting 10 and Under Tennis in the section. This includes consistently offering 10 and Under Tennis programming using red, orange and green tennis during Play Days, Play Events, 10 and Under tournaments and/or 10 and Under Junior Team Tennis.

2015	Katerina Sevcikova
2016	Kevin Rooney
2017	Heather Corriel
2018	Jason Wass
2019	Khrystsina Tryboi
2020	East Brunswick Racquet Club
2021	Laramie Gavin
2022	Hilary Bressler/Christopher Morley Tennis

Tournament Director of the Year

This award is presented to an individual who runs a USTA Eastern sanctioned tournament that has provided the optimal experience for junior players during the past year. Tournament directors must have devoted at least five years of service running tournaments for a district.

2011	Annelies Karp
2013	Jeff Rothstein
2014	Laura Dwojewski
2015	Lauren Levine
2016	Mary Phillips
2017	Clark Crawford & Arthur Falkson
2018	Ari Roberts
2019	
2020	n/a
2021	n/a
2022	n/a

Ron Smyth Parent Sportsmanship Award

This award is presented to an individual who has made a significant impact and contribution toward USTA Eastern junior programming (Junior Tournaments or Junior Team Tennis), and has shown exceptional support of junior players and their families. This parent also must have a junior tennis player currently participating in USTA events.

2011	Melanie Rubin
2013	Sherree Williams
2014	Sean Hannity
2015	Shaun Speicher
2016	John Cerdan
2017	Shelly Ann Panton
2018	Chip & Dawn Fishback
2019	Davis Family
2020	n/a
2021	n/a
2022	n/a

Eastern Organizational Awards:

Collegiate Award: Awarded to a college for performance of community service in connection with tennis and/or outstanding Tennis On Campus contributions.

2008	Colgate University
2009	Cornell University
2010	Syracuse University
2011	Columbia University
2012	Ramapo College of New Jersey
2013	Medaille College
2014	Wagner College
2015	Farmingdale State College
2016	Cornell University
2017	Binghamton University
2018	Army West Point
2019	University of Rochester
2020	Ithaca College
2021	n/a
2022	SUNY Cortland Club Tennis

Corporate Service Award: Awarded to an organization whose sponsorship of tennis and programs has helped to grow the sport in the section.

1998	American Airlines / Group Health Inc. / Sports Authority Inc.
1999	Amerada Hess Corporation / The Chase Manhattan Bank / Gamma Racquet Sports / Inva Care Corp. / OddzOn / ProHEALTH
2000	Con Edison / Poland Spring
2001	Kraft Foods / NYC Housing Authority
2002	Heineken USA / Hess / Head/Penn / Poland Spring / Computer Associates
2004	Westhampton Tennis Club / The Colony Beach & Tennis Resort / JetBlue Airways / Nevele Grand / Adam Stone / Sauerbach Associates
2005	Panasonic
2006	Dick's Sporting Goods
2007	Buffalo Bills
2008	Levine Gouldin & Thompson
2009	PHS Dental Implant & Surgical Center (Mary Ann Lester)
2010	Longines Watch Company
2011	USPTA
2012	Sargent & Collins, LLP
2014	Copeland Coating
2015	Nigro Companies
2016	Straightline General Contractors
2017	Super Seal Coating
2018	Carefree Racquet Club
2019	Robbie Wagner's Tournament Training Center
2020	Sportime NY
2021	n/a
2022	Cavalier Fitness

Member Organization of the Year: Awarded for outstanding service to its members involved in junior and adult tennis programs and for contributions to the local tennis community. (Clubs are eligible.)

1998	NY City Parks Foundation
1999	Eastern Wheelchair Tennis Assoc.
2000	Orange Hollow Racquet Club
2001	Eastern Tennis Umpires Assoc.
2002	Riverside Clay Tennis Assoc.
2004	Premier Athletic Club
2005	Bronx International Youth Tennis

2006 The Association of New York State Youth Bureaus
2007 Ossining CTA
2008 Suffolk County Junior Tennis League
2009 New Rochelle Racquet Club
2009 Greater Elmira Tennis Assoc.
2010 Ramapo Parks & Recreation
2011 Love 15 - Rochester
2012 15-LOVE
2013 Saw Mill Club
2014 Buffalo Niagara Community Tennis Association
2015 World Gym Setauket
2016 Tennis Innovators Academy
2017 Kings County Tennis League
2018 Garden State Tennis Center
2019 Somerset County Parks
2020 Empire Tennis Academy
2021 Lincoln Terrace Tennis Association
2022 CourtSense

Misc. Eastern Awards:

Special Service Award

1998 Chuck Heyde (Old Westbury Golf & Country Club)
1999 Charles Clark / Robert Russo
2000 Annelies Karp / Mas Kimball / Ramona Polvere / Tina Taps
2001 Eugene L. Scott (Tennis Week)
2004 Marv Benzing / Gerry Cuva / Al Cohen / Marie Messina
2005 Fran Campeta / Donald Van Blake / Matt Swit / Sam Chhoeun
2006 Steve Cary
2007 Stew Stearns (posthumous)
2008 Jim Neal
2009 Tim Mayotte
2010 Martin McMahon
2011 Adele Johnson
2012 Lori D'Antonio
2015 Rex Miller
2016 Craig Fligstein
2019 Derrick DiFazio (Manhattanville College)
2021 Theresa Bowick (Conkey Cruisers)
2022 Allon Lifshitz

Club Service Award

1998 Bronx International Eastern Athletic / Youth Tennis Center /
Village Glen Tennis & Fitness Club
1999 Binghamton Tennis Center / Metropolitan Interclub Tennis League
2000 Center Court Tennis Club
2001 Club Fit- Briarcliff & Jefferson Valley
2002 Yonkers Tennis Center
2004 West Side Tennis Club
2005 Plainfield Tennis Council
2006 Tennis Club of Rochester; Sportime
2007 Drumlins Tennis Club
2008 Golds Gyms of Syracuse
2009 Central Park Tennis
2010 Sportime @ Randall's Island

2011 Midtown Athletic Club
2012 USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center

Tennis On Campus Eastern Club of the Year

2015 Siena College
2016 Rutgers University

Tennis On Campus Eastern Leader of the Year

2015 Randy Chase – SUNY Brockport
2016 Tyler Nghiem – Siena College

Eastern Regional Award Winners

Year	Long Island	Metro	New Jersey	Northern	Southern	Western
1998	Chuck Romeo	Lou Hernandez		Paul van der Sommen	Milton Parker	Pat Danaher
1999	Marge Carney	Darcy Cobb		Susan Wold	Donald Van Blake	Cathy LaPenna
2000	Ruth Fellmeth	Brian Lutz		Bonnie Maggy	Ken Goldsmith	Steve Pekich
2001	Roberta Feldman	Mel Swanson		Paul Tonko	Steve Diamond	Tom LaPenna
2002	Chuck Russell	Janice Campbell		Frances E. Hart	Mark Savage	Dave Ritter
2003	Dan Burgess & Terry Fontana	Carl Summerlin		Andy Christodoulou	Dale Balun	MaryEllen Halm & Dorothy Tanner
2004	Debbie Galinsky	Mark McIntyre		Amy Tarkleson	Jim Goff	Kerstin Speller
2005	Steve Haar	Don Ferguson		Cliff Forando	Charlie Hardman	Ann Mott
2006	Scott Axler	Tim Heath		Jim Neal	Ernst Racine	Barry Prince
2007	Steve Haar	Harry Lopez	Jeff Rothstein	Amber Marino	Deborah Larkin	Laurie Bowen
2008	Terry Fontana	Liz Hydes	Sy Engleberg	Barry Mandell	Elaine Fier	Rick Schneider
2009	Kevin O'Rourke	Deborah-Rose Andrews	Carol Magnes	George Schlottnar	Lillian Eoyang	Marion DeLeo
2010	Marian Morris	Pablo Sierra	Steve Diamond	Tom Chin	Sharon Weiner	Shawna Macfarlane
2011	Jacki Binder	Daisy Schwartz	Dick Walthers	Domingo Montes	Mary Ellen Bickler	Steve Pike
2012	Melanie Rubin	Greg Jackson	Tzu Lin Toner	Geoff Leggieri	Phyllis Murray	Rebecca Jackson
2013	Ronni Klein	Joani Akpan	Michelle Curry	Beverly Hackett	Elizabeth Baldwin	Jennifer Kagan
2014	Bob Coburn	Daniel Arzuaga	Patricia D. Ouellette	Phil Danaher	Ari Roberts	Brad Thyroff
2015	Lionel Goldberg	Barry Sonuston	Indranil Debnath	Cindy Kandath	Nicole Manglass	Paul Laurie
2016	Randi Wilkins	Jonathan Williams	Ron Thomas	Bill Brahler	Marianne Gaffney	Adrienne Alteri
2017	Herb Harris	Jonathan Raude	Bob Bynum	George Koh	Selina DeCicco	Dave Hanzes & Steve McGary
2018	Terri Arnold-Mckenzie	Deborah-Rose Andrews	Kathleen Leong	Peter Mesh	Michele Arbogast	Rebecca Stollman
2019	Hillary Bressler	Greg Muhammad	Meagan Mann	Ron Thomas	Southern Region Junior Board	Jason Spencer
2020	Michelle Stoerback	Sharon Simmonds	Ashley Caldwell	Dan Blanchfeld	Johnny Benoit	Lydia Varon
2021	Clark Ruiz	Susan Cassidy	Ronnie Li	Dylan Davis	Michael-Razi Rokhsa	Liz Brecino
2022	Mike Pavlides	Sasha Thomas	Marlies Carey	Beth Pattison	Giancarlo Palumbo	Gordon Panek

