

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
2023 Lawrence Kleger

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
2023 Debbie Miller
2024 Sandy Hoffman
2025 Simone Spigner

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
2023 Dave Hanzes
2024 Jim Poling
2025 Perren Wong

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 Featherson 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
2023 Gupta Family
2024 Bonetti Family
2025 Perez 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
2023 n/a
2024 Linda Bracco
2025 Dorothy Wiggins

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
2023 The Roslyn High School Boys Tennis Team
2024 Maria Lamia & Lauren Norris
2025 Ron Dyson

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
2023 Steve Kaplan
2024 Jayadeva Devashetty
2025 Randy Mani

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
2023	Deb Rose-Andrews
2024	Philip Lockette
2025	Mary Phillips

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 Pavlides – 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
2023	Terry Price
2024	Wesley Smith
2025	Debra Murray

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 Orłowski
2023 Dennis Maher
2024 Doug Goulding
2025 Jean Szpara

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
2023 Ken Ortiz
2024 Jeff Lacy
2025 Jasmine Mott

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 LaDuca
2014 Bob deVente

2015 Chuck Russell
2016 Domingo Montes
2017 Michelle Skelley
2018 Jason Speirs
2019 Brian Dahlstrom
2020 Laramie Gavin
2021 Steven Mingo
2022 Wayne Martin
2023 Isis Gill
2024 Mike Barrell
2025 Zach White

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 Gazette) & 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
2023 Stan Evans
2024 Roger Rubin (Newsday)
2025 Michelle Yu

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
2023 Juan Pablo Perez
2024 Alexander Dobrin
2026 Kathy Connelly

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
2023 Suzee Krebs
2024 Gigi Banks
2025 Peter Snell

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
2023 Domingo Montes
2024 Andrea Peters
2025 Samantha Siegel

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
 2023 Sharon Rappaport
 2024 Empire Tennis Academy
 2025 Advantage All Tennis Foundation

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 n/a
 2020 n/a
 2021 n/a
 2022 n/a
 2023 n/a
 2024 n/a
 2025 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
 2023 n/a
 2024 n/a
 2025 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
 2023 Clarkson University Club Tennis
 2024 UB Aces (University at Buffalo Club Tennis)
 2025 Bryce Farrell (SUNY Cortland)

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
 2023 n/a
 2024 Johnny Mac Tennis Project
 2025 Tennis Charities of Binghamton

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
2023 Sedgwick Farm Tennis Club
2024 Rockland Community Tennis Association
2025 Cunningham Tennis

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
2023 Michelle Stoerback
2024 David Gibbons
2025 New Jersey Region Junior Council

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 Schlottner	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	Ron Thomas	Meagan Mann	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	Rokhsha Michael-Razi	Liz Brecino
2022	Mike Pavlides	Sasha Thomas	Marlies Carey	Beth Pattison	Giancarlo Palumbo	Gordon Panek

2023	Denise Schmidt	Jan Walker	Marvin Dent	Chris Hanley	Igal Katan	Nick Zieziula
2024	Stephen Green	Doriana Noel	Vanessa Canda	Anita Russo	Elisa Tertulien	Kathy Connelly
2025	Dunja Froman	Jeanna Anderson	Denise Dixon	Carol Pillsworth	Dexter D'Souza	Tim Ball