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Leavey Awards

Honoring Excellence in Private Enterprise Education

The 38th Annual Leavey Awards were held November 2015 in New Orleans, marking the first year of a new three-year collaboration with the National Council for Social Studies (NCSS). The goal of this newly formed relationship is to help expose the Leavey Awards to a greater audience of educators. Over 3,500 teachers attended the first year of this partnership. As part of the new venture, Freedoms Foundation hosted an awards luncheon and a mini Leavey Summit, and had a booth in the exhibit hall.



In addition to the conference, the weekend was filled with great events, including a special reception for the Leavey recipients at the National World War II Museum. Guests honoring the teachers included members of our New Orleans Chapter, Freedoms Foundation and the NCSS board members, and Leavey Foundation Trustees, including Kathleen McCarthy Kostlan, daughter of Thomas and Dorothy Leavey.

The keynote address was given by Liz McCartney, CNN Hero and Co-Founder of the St. Bernard Project. Liz and her husband established the St. Bernard Project to help re-build New Orleans communities after Hurricane Katrina. She talked about the ongoing impact of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans 10 years later and the difference people are making to help those in their community get back their lives.

Leavey Award Legacy

In total, this important program has recognized over 600 teachers and awarded nearly \$4 million dollars.

2016 LEAVEY AWARD

Recipients: 12

From: 7 states and Puerto Rico

Awarded: \$82,500

When: November 14, 2015

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Top Row L-R – Louis Castruccio – Trustee of the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation, Rusty Weatherly – Recipient, Luis Martinez – Recipient, Joanna Garner – Recipient, Jacqueline Prester – Recipient, Mark Lemons – Trustee of the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation, Danny Lulla – Recipient, Alex Rodriguez – Recipient, Michael Di Yeso – President and FFVF and Francis Brulenski – Chair of FFVF.

Bottom Row Seated L-R – Jennifer Armocida – Meritorious Recipient, Leslie Marlow – Recipient, Doris Lux – Recipient, Kathleen McCarthy Kostlan – Chair of the Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation, Kimberly Heckart – Recipient, Nancy Chrisman – Recipient, Sandi Morgan – Recipient.



Liz McCartney, CNN Hero and Co-Founder of the St. Bernard Project