

Lamp of Knowledge Award

The Lamp of Knowledge Award is a partnership between the **Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce** and the **Greater Rochester Advocates for Universities and Colleges (GRAUC)**.

The award is given to an individual, business or organization associated with the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce that actively supports higher education partnerships in Southeastern Minnesota. Recipients have shown a commitment to foster higher education opportunities. This may be done through volunteer work in helping to enable or encourage students to pursue higher education, through partnerships connecting the local school system students, and/or employees meet the education and training needs of an ever-changing workplace.

Please fill out the below nomination form found at...

<http://www.rochestermnchamber.com/pages/LampofKnowledgeAwardNominationForm> and submit completed form online via the submission button by April 29.

Past Recipients

2003/4 - Mayo Clinic – GRAUC Supporter

2004/5 - IBM – GRAUC Supporter

2005/6 - Mo Amundson - Education-to-Careers

2006/7 - Marilyn Stewart - Edina Realty & Chair of the Rochester Higher Ed Taskforce

2007/8 - Think Mutual Bank – GRAUC Supporter

2008/9 - Nancy Brataas – State Senator & Community College/MnSCU Trustee

2009/10 - Kathleen Meyerle - Mayo Clinic & Two-time GRAUC Board Chair

2010/11 - Donald Sudor – GRAUC Board and Community Volunteer

2011/12 - Dr. Wendy Shannon - Byron School District Superintendent

2012/13 - Don Supalla – Rochester Community and Technical College President

2013/14 - Jim Clausen – GRAUC Executive Director & Community Volunteer

2014/15 - Jerry Williams – Former RPS Superintendent & Common Cents Chair

2015/16 - Gail Sauter – Affiliations with RCTC, WSU and UMR

2016/17 - Aaron Benike – Benike Construction President (GRAUC, J2G, CTECH...)

2017/18 - Dr. Stephen Lehmkuhle – University of Minnesota Rochester Chancellor

2018/19 – Randy Johnson – Workforce Development, Inc.

2019/20 – Guy Finne – Mayo Clinic

2020/21 - Audrey Betcher- Rochester Public Library

2021/22 – Senator David Senjem