2023 Award Winners

WEF Fellows:

1. Somnath Basu, Ph.D., P.E.
   Water Environment Association of Texas
2. Lynn Broaddus, Ph.D.
   Central States Water Environment Association
3. Ralph Erik Exton
   Pennsylvania Water Environment Association
4. Henry E. Gibson
   Water Environment Association of South Carolina
5. Jeanette Klamm
   Kansas Water Environment Association
6. Dale E. Kocarek, P.E., BCEE
   Ohio Water Environment Association
7. Jennifer Kelly Lachmayr, P.E., BCEE
   New England Water Environment Association
8. William J. Mitsch, Ph.D.
   Florida Water Environment Association
9. Mark Poling
   Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association
10. F. Michael Saunders, Ph.D.
    Georgia Association of Water Professionals
11. Dianne M. Sumego, P.E., O.I.T
    Ohio Water Environment Association
12. Bob Swarner, P.E.
    Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association
13. John Trofatter
14. Billy G. Turner
    Georgia Association of Water Professionals
15. Todd O. Williams, P.E.
    NC One Water, Virginia Water Environment Association

Operational and Design Excellence Awards:

16. Industrial Water Quality Achievement Award: Hornady Manufacturing Company (Grand Island, NE); Engineer & Constructor: Dallas Powell
17. Innovative Technology Award: Detection Instruments Corp/Acrulog PYT - Acrulog Differential Pressure Logger; Xylem - Flygt Adaptive 4200 Series Adaptive Mixers; 374Water - AirSCWO™
18. Morgan Operational Solutions Award: Not given this year.
19. Water Quality Improvement Award: Not given this year.
20. WEF Project Excellence Award: City of Billings (MT) Nutrient Upgrade, Expansion, and Improvements, Honorees: City of Billings, MT, Electrical Consultants, Inc., HDR Engineering,
Inc., Morrison-Maierle, Sletten Construction Companies, Terracon Consultants, Inc.;
Muscatine (IA) Organic Recycling Center, Honorees: City of Muscatine, IA Water & Resource
Recovery Facility, EcoEngineers, Leander Construction, Martin-Whitacre, Stanley
Consultants, Inc., Terracon; Orange County Water District (OCWD) (CA) Groundwater
Replenishment System Final Expansion, Honorees: Black & Veatch, Butier Engineering, CDM
Smith, JF Shea, Orange County Sanitation District, Orange County Water District (OCWD),
Separation Processes, Inc., Shimmick.
21. WEF Safety Award: Palm Beach County Water Utilities

Organization and Association Recognition Awards:

Citation of Excellence in Advertising
Best Campaign: Company Name: Vaughan Company, Inc. Ad Name: Guaranteed Performance,
Advertising Agency: Brandner Communications
Best Overall Ad: Company Name: Gas Clip Technologies, Ad Name: Save a Canary
Best Presentation of Information (Full Page): Company Name: Blue-White Industries, Ad Name:
M3 Peristaltic Metering Pump
Best Presentation of Information (Fractional): Company Name: SAVÉCO North America Inc., Ad
Name: The BEAST Septage Receiving Station
Best Design (Full Page): Company Name: Atlas Copco Compressors, Ad Name: Unlock Your
Plant’s Potential
Best Design (Fractional): Company Name: Nuvoda, Ad Name: Shovel Ready Technology

23. Outstanding Member Association Award: (MA With Membership of less than 500): AZ
Water Association

Individual Service and Contribution Awards:

24. Camp Applied Research Award: Dr. Yang Deng
25. Emerson Distinguished Service Medal: Mohamed F. Dahab
26. Engelbrecht International Achievement: Ed McCormick
27. Outstanding Young Water Environment Professional Award: Amanda Martin Akins,
Georgia Association of Water Professionals
28. Schroepfer Innovative Facility Design Medal: Dustin Craig, P.E., for leading the design of
the Des Moines Wastewater Reclamation Facility RNG Pipeline Injection Project
29. Public Officials Award: Mr. Charles Amos, Chairman, McAllen Public Utility Board, Water
Environment Association of Texas; Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, (Illinois)
30. Ralph Fuhrman Medal: Not given this year.
31. Water Heroes Award: Ronald Carter (Louisiana); Mount Pleasant Waterworks Jackson
Mississippi Water Response Team (Mount Pleasant, SC)
32. WEF Mentorship Award: Patrick “Murf” Murphy
33. W. Wesley Eckenfelder Industrial Water Quality Lifetime Achievement Award: Thomas
Houston Flippin
34. Best WEFTEC Program Abstract Award: Orlando J. Castro, P.E., DBIA & Daniel Davila, P.E.,
Florida Water Environment Association, Horizontal Directional Drilling of 7 miles of Large
Diameter Forcemain through Downtown Fort Lauderdale
Published Papers:

35. Eddy Wastewater Principles/Processes Medal: Authors: Avery L. Carlson, Glen T. Daigger, Dr. Huanqi He, Per Halkjær Nielsen, Jizhong Zhou; “Comparative analysis of floc characteristics and microbial communities in anoxic and aerobic suspended growth processes.” WER, Vol. 94 (December 2022).
36. Gascoigne Wastewater Treatment Plan Operational Improvement Medal: Not given this year.

Education Awards:

39. Fair Distinguished Engineering Educator: Eakalak Khan
40. Operator Scholarship: Dillon Anglin (Salt Lake City, UT), Colton Campbell (Hurricane, UT), Michael Graham (Sparta, GA), Kristin Hillier (Courtice, ON), Elizabeth Kornowski (Denver, CO), Jonathan Lewis (Sioux Falls, SD), Marlaina O'Bryan (Englewood, CO), Porphy Ochoa (Pico Rivera, CA), Clayton Oliver (O'Fallon, MO), Marcos Quintero (Wentzville, MO), Mitchell Ryan (Greenfield, MA), Angelo Sacerdote (Petaluma, CA), Nicholas Shirley (Chinle, AZ), Chris Tatum (Oshawa, ON), Mr. Omar Tovar (Santa Rosa, CA), Gavin Westendorf (Lake Andes, SD).
41. Public Communication & Outreach Program Award:
   Other Category #1: Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA)
   Other Category #2: McAllen Public Utility
42. Student Chapter of the Year Award: Azalea Chapter – University of South Alabama
43. WEF Canham Graduate Studies Scholarship: Priyanka Ali