

WEF AWARDS

**AND PRESIDENTIAL
CELEBRATION CEREMONY**



**September 28, 2026
New Orleans, LA
5:00 PM**



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Leanne B. Scott
CWP of KY & TN



Jay Swift
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Published Paper Awards

Eddy Wastewater Principles/Processes Medal

"Modeling Aerobic Granules in Continuously Flowing Wastewater-Treatment Processes"

Joshua P. Boltz, Bruce E. Rittmann,
WER, Vol. 97, Issue 1
(January 2025)



Gascoigne Wastewater Treatment Plant Operational Improvement Medal

"Unlocking the Power of Wastewater Data: Metro Water Recovery's Data Management Journey"

Gregory Clark, Joshua Goldman, Jeffrey Hlad, P.E., Tanja Rauch-Williams, PhD, P.E., Rylee Rubino,
Access Water Proceedings of the Water Environment Federation, WEFTEC Conference Paper
(October 2025)



Rudolfs Industrial Waste Management Medal

"Intensifying Refinery WWTU Secondary Solids Separation: Suspended Air Flotation (SAF®) Pilot Study Results"

Aditi Podder, Ronald W. Ballard, P.E., Houston Flippin, J.J. Gonzalez, David R. Marrs, P.E., Chris Pettit, Matthew Sucich, Access Water Proceedings of the Water Environment Federation, WEFTEC Conference Paper
(October 2025)



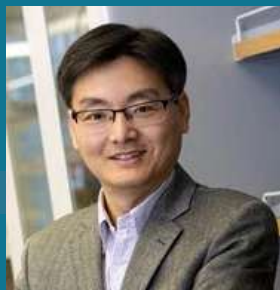
Individual Service and Contribution Awards



Best WEFTEC Program Abstract Award

“Why Does Low Dissolved Oxygen Favor Biological Phosphorus Removal? Oxygen Inhibition of PAOs is an Important Part of the Story”

**Lilian McIntosh, Charles B. Bott, Alexandria Gagnon, PhD, P.E.,
Stephanie Klaus, Kester McCullough**



**Camp
Applied
Research
Award**

**Dr. Zhen
(Jason) He**

**Emerson
Distinguished
Service
Medal**

**Navneet
Prasad, P.E.**

**MARC (Manufacturers
and Representatives
Community) Individual
Distinguished Service Award**

Debra L. Leigh

Individual Service and Contribution Awards

Public Officials Award



Myra C. Reece
South Carolina Department of
Environmental Services,
Director



Kari K. Steele
Metropolitan Water Reclamation
District of Greater Chicago
Board of Commissioners,
President

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W. Wesley Eckenfelder Industrial Water Quality Lifetime Achievement Award



Brian Arntsen

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Water for People — Robert W. Hite Distinguished Leadership Award



**Richard
Yarbrough**



Dr. Richard Speece



Operational and Design Excellence Awards



Collection Systems Award

Susan Moio



Innovative Technology Award

CETCO
a Minerals Technologies Company —
FLUORO-SORB®
Adsorbent



Innovative Technology Award

IDE Technologies
Pulse Flow Reverse Osmosis



Innovative Technology Award

Paques Environmental Technologies Inc.
BIOCYCLONE™



Morgan Operational Solutions Award

Metro Water Recovery
Hazen and Sawyer,
Brown and Caldwell,
Stantec, CDM Smith,
NEWhub Water Corporation,
University of Kansas



Water Quality Improvement Award

Lystek International - D3 Project
Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District



WEF Safety Award

Clayton County Water Authority Safety Program

WEF Project Excellence Award



Bee Ridge Water Reclamation Facility Expansion and Conversion to Advanced Wastewater Treatment Project (Sarasota, FL)

Honorees: Sarasota County and Sarasota County Public Utilities, Carollo Engineers, Garney, DuPont Water Solutions (MemCor™)

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Piscataway WRRF Bioenergy Project (Laurel, MD)

Honorees: WSSC Water, PC Construction, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Hazen and Sawyer, HDR, EBA Engineering, Inc., Albrecht Engineering, Inc., EPCM, Inc., CSA Central, Inc., Milhouse Engineering & Construction, Inc., Sherrill Partners Architects Inc.

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South Wastewater Treatment Plant — Membrane Bioreactor Project (Sherman, TX)

Honorees: City of Sherman, Texas, Plummer, Carollo Engineers, Mead & Hunt, Kiewit, Pape-Dawson, Plus Six Engineering, LLC, Greater Texoma Utility Authority

EDUCATION AWARDS



Fair Distinguished Engineering Educator Medal
Yang Deng, PhD, P.E., BCEE



**Public Communication & Outreach Program Award
(Individual or Small Teams Category)**
**Fairfax County Wastewater Management Outreach
Team: Lisa Good, Elizabeth Barbour, and
Judy Fincham**



Water Environment
Association of Texas



**Public Communication & Outreach Program Award
(WEF Member Associations and Communities
Category)**
**Water Environment Association of Texas –
City of Grand Prairie Public Health and
Environmental Quality Outreach Program**



Student Chapter of the Year Award
**Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico (PUPR),
Puerto Rico Water & Environment Association
(PRW&EA)**



Canham Graduate Studies Scholarship
Camille Brulé, University of California, Berkeley

**Professor David Jenkins
Operator Award and
Scholarship**

Sarah M. Hickman



Inaugural Year!



Operator Scholarship



**Clarence Ray
Bonds**



Nikole Brunner



**Olivia O'Neil
Curmano**



**Olweny
Emmanuel**



**Mr. Kenny
Garcia Rondon**



**Brooks M.
Gilliland**



Lisa Hamilton



**Richard Manuel
Hernandez, Jr.**



Colin Madden



Sandra Montero



**Godswill
Chukwunenye
Okechukwu**



Frank Schmidt



**George
Schuhmacher**



**Anna Beatriz
Tsuchiya
Tomaz**



Owen Via



**Tyler
Waterhouse**



Evan White



Organization and Association Recognition Awards

Citation of Excellence in Advertising



**Best Design,
Fractional Page**
Parkson Corporation
Settles Like a Rock



Best Design, Full Page
SIMFLO
*A Difference You Can
Clearly See*



**Best Presentation of
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Fractional Page**
MELTRIC® Corporation,
2026 Marketing Team
*Quickly Connect &
Disconnect Motors*



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A Tool for Every Job



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**INVENT Environmental
Technologies, Inc.**
CYBERFLOW – Accelerator



Best Campaign
Smith & Loveless Inc.
PISTA Ad 1, Ad 2, Ad 3



Water Environment
Association of Texas

Outstanding Member Association Award
**Water Environment Association
of Texas**

WEF Award Finalists

Public Communication & Outreach Program Award (Utilities, Corporations, Partnerships or Large Groups Category)



**City of Boise
Department of
Public Works,
*The WaterShed***



**Montgomery Township
Municipal Sewer Authority
Water and Wastewater
Internship Program**



**Victor Valley
Wastewater
Reclamation
Authority**

Outstanding Young Water Environment Professional Award



Abhinoor Dhull



Elizabeth Heise, P.E.



**Charles "CJ"
Spellman, PhD, P.E.**

WEF Mentorship Award



Mr. William Grandner



**Berrin Tansel, PhD, P.E.,
BCEE, F.WEF, F.AAAS**



Jason Watts

WEF Volunteer Service Recognition Program



Lucas Billesbach
Nebraska Water
Environment
Association
(HOD)



James Hawthorne
Delegate-at-Large,
Water Environment
Association of
South Carolina
(HOD)



Sarah Ward
Water Environment
Association of Utah
(HOD)



James Borton
Ops Challenge
(CLC)



Rishab Mahajan
Watershed
Management
Community
(CLC)



David Marrs
Programs
Community
(CLC)



Naoko Munakata
Disinfection &
Public Health
Community
(CLC)



Kent Nichols
Programs
Community
(CLC)



Krishna Pagilla
Awards &
Recognition
Community
(CLC)



Samantha Villegas
Residuals and
Biosolids Community
(CLC)

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CLC Director
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CLC Director
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CLC Director
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Community Chair
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2024 – 2026



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Community Chair
2025 – 2026



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2024 – 2026



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Community Chair
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Watershed Management,
Community Chair
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