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Buddy Portugal Award Honorees

Descriptions reflect the honorees' accomplishments at the time of the award.

2026 **Jenevieve Arceneaux & Jennifer Tertulien**, founders of Black Girl Magic Book Club

Valerie Kahan, founder of Evanston Art Makers Outpost and Evanston Community Cares

2025 **James McHolland**, Principal of Chute Middle School

2024 **Sarita Smith**, Director of Student Assignments in District 65

2023 **Steve Newman**, founder and Executive Director of Evanston Scholars

2022 **Tosha Wilson**, volunteer basketball coach, Girls Play Sports board

2021 **Hecky Powell** (posthumously), founder of Forrest Powell Foundation (youth vocational and music grants), District 65 school board member

2020 **JoAnn Avery**, Youth Development/Community Engagement Program Manager at Family Focus

2019 **Megan Livatino, Chris Livatino & Liz Brieva**, founders of Girls Play Sports

2018 **Kim Hammock**, founder of Books and Breakfast

Harvey Pranian, founder of YEA (Young Evanston Artists)

2017 **Willie Miller, Jr.**, FAAM leader, ETHS school board member

2016 **Steven King** (posthumously), Sports and Family Manager at the YMCA, ETHS football coach, mentor to many children

2014 **Lynn Hyndman**, a founder of SAGE (Schools are Gardening in Evanston)



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- Diane Wright**, director of recipient scheduling at ESCCA
- 2013 **Susan Trieschmann**, founder of Curt's Café
- 2012 **Robert Reece**, founding member of Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund, FAAM coach, president of YMCA and JWF boards
- 2011 **Buddy Portugal** (posthumously), helped create the Justin Wynn Leadership Academy
- 2009 **Don Baker**, founding committee member and Executive Director of Y.O.U.
- Lorraine Morton**, teacher and principal who spearheaded desegregation, Mayor of Evanston
- 2008 **Rose Johnson**, teacher, District 65 school board president
- 2007 **Leslie Wenzel**, Park School and ETHS teacher working with children with special needs
- 2006 **Gene Bell**, a founder of FAAM, Little League umpire, co-chair of "Save Our Children"
- 2005 **Allen "Bo" Price**, founder of Evanston Vanguard's Rifle and Drill Team and two drum and bugle corps
- Muriel Schwartz**, librarian at Evanston Public Library
- 2004 **Jean Jacques Gregoire**, teacher and soccer coach
- William Stafford**, Evanston Youth Baseball Association president; football, basketball and baseball coach
- 2003 **Rev. John F. Norwood**, student advocate, District 65 school board member
- Audrey Soglin**, District 65 teacher, Project SOAR mentor
- 2002 **Delores Holmes**, Director of Family Focus



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William Logan, Chief of Police and Director of Safety at ETHS