



# Past ConnOTA Award Winners

## 2024 Award Winners

- Award of Clinical Excellence  
Stefanie Seanor, OTD, OTR/L
- Award of Service  
Donna Sweeney, M.Ed., OTR/L
- Award of Merit  
Lola Halperin, EdD, OTR/L
- Emerging Leader  
Rhonda Schneider, OTAS
- Fieldwork Educator of the Year  
Amaya Scinto, OTR/L
- President's Award  
Tessa Boston, MOT, OTR/L

## 2023 Award Winners

- Award of Clinical Excellence  
Brynn Lafferty, OTR/L
- Award of Service  
Kate Keefe, OTD, OTR/L
- Award of Merit  
Susanne Giannitti, OTR/L
- Emerging Leader  
Brianna Zelman, OTS
- Fieldwork Educator of the Year  
Alicia Rose, OTR/L

## 2022 Award Winners

- Award of Clinical Excellence  
Beth Sullivan, OTR/L
- Award of Service  
No Award
- Emerging Leader  
Anne Graikoski, OTR/L
- Fieldwork Educator of the Year  
Lou Elmo, OTR/L
- President's Award

### **2021 Award Winners**

- Award of Merit  
Joyce Rioux, EdD, OTR/L, SCSS, FAOTA
- Award of Clinical Excellence  
Moira Ethier
- Award of Service  
Kristen Downer, OTR/L
- Emerging Leader  
Kailene Rampone, COTA/L
- Fieldwork Educator of the Year  
Meghan Hobold, COTA/L

### **2020 Award Winners**

- Award of Merit  
Stephanie Shivers
- Award of Clinical Excellence  
Moira Ethier
- Award of Service  
Judith Sheehan
- Emerging Leader  
Kelly Pestey
- Fieldwork Educator of the Year  
Maureen Leyes

### **2019 Award Winners**

- Award of Merit  
No award
- Award of Clinical Excellence  
Meghan Spielman
- Award of Service  
Goesta H. Schlegel
- Emerging Leader  
No award
- Fieldwork Educator of the Year  
Deb Orris

### **2018 Award Winners**

- Award of Merit:  
No award
- Award of Clinical Excellence  
Rick Klimowicz

- Award of Service:  
Donna Sweeney
- Fieldwork Educator of the Year  
Erin Wells
- Emerging Leader Award:  
No award

### **2017 Award Winners**

- Award of Merit:  
Elaine Adams
- Award of Service:  
Sheelah Schlegel
- Fieldwork Educator of the Year  
Joanna Perez
- Emerging Leader Award:  
Donna Reed-Oliver  
Lisa Marie Tarchini

### **2016 Award Winners**

- Award of Merit:  
Sharon McCloskey, MBA, OTR/L DipCOT  
Joyce Rioux, EdD, OTR/L, SCSS
- Award of Service:  
Lisa Toussaint, OTR/L
- Fieldwork Educator of the Year  
Karen Crainich, OTR/L

### **2015 Award Winner Bios**

- Award of Merit: Lenore Frost, PhD, OTR/L, CHT, FAOTA
- Award of Service:  
Sharon McCloskey, MBA, OTR/L, DipCOT  
Joyce Rioux, EdD, OTR/L, SCSS
- Emerging Leader: Morgan Villano, MPS/MSPS, OTR/L
- Fieldwork Educator:
- Scholarship Recipient  
Michael Dezmin, MOTS  
Dawn Lesinski, OTAS
- President's Award: Judith Sheehan, OTR/L, CFo

### **2014 Award Winner Bios**

- Award of Merit: Kimberly Hartman, PhD, OTR, FAOTA
- Award of Service: Susan Goszewski, MSM, OTR
- Emerging Leader: Stacey McIver, MS, OTR
- Fieldwork Educator: Louis Elmo, MS, OTR
- Scholarship Recipient: Kelly Sasso, BS, MOTS

### **2013 Award Winner Bios**

- Award of Merit: Sal Bondoc, OTD, OTR, BCPR, CHT, FAOTA
- Award of Service: Elaine Adams, OTR
- Emerging Leader: Erin Wells MS, OTR
- Fieldwork Educator: Janice McLeod, OTR

### **2012 Award Winner Bios**

- Award of Merit: Tracy Van Oss, DHSc, MPH, OTR, SCEM, CHES, CAPS
- Award of Service: Kimberly Hartmann, Ph.D., OTR, FAOTA
- Emerging Leader: Mary Beth O'Neill, MOTR
- Fieldwork Educator: John Pagano Ph.D. OTR; Regina Morgan, OTR

### **2011 Award Winner Bios**

- Award of Merit: Judith Oliva Sheehan, OTR/L, CFo
- Award of Service: Heather Miller Kuhanek, MS, OTR/L, FAOTA
- Emerging Leader: Kari Cruanes, MS, OTR/L
- Fieldwork Educator: Anne Golensky, OTR/L