Each year, the American Federation for Aging Research honors leaders in science, business, and philanthropy for their contributions to the field of aging. To date, AFAR has given more than 34 of our awards of distinction.

left: Andy Sieg, Managing Director and Head of Global Wealth & Retirement Services at Bank of America Merrill Lynch is presented the 2014 Chairman’s Award of Distinction from Senator Bob Kerrey.

HONORARY LEADERSHIP AWARD

These awards recognize the achievements of individuals and organizations whose work has impacted the field of aging research and improved public health.

- Johannes J. Baensch, PhD
  Former Chief Scientific Officer, Nestlé Skin Health S.A. (2016)

- George M. Martin, MD,
  Professor of Pathology Emeritus, University of Washington School of Medicine (2015)

- Corinne H. Rieder, EdD,
  Executive Director and Treasurer, John A. Hartford Foundation (2014)

- Rose W. Dobrof, DSW,
  Brookdale Professor of Gerontology at Hunter College, Founding Director of the Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging and Longevity (2011)

- Robert N. Butler, MD,
  President and CEO, International Longevity Center (2009)

- John W. Rowe, MD,
  Professor, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University (2008)

- T. Franklin Williams, MD,
  Former Director, The National Institute on Aging, Board Member Emeritus, AFAR (2007)

- Hinda Rosenthal,

- Rev. Monsignor Charles J. Fahey,
  AFAR Emeritus Board Member; Marie Ward Doty Professor of Aging Studies, Emeritus, Fordham University (2006)

GEORGE E. AND MARIE J. DOTY AWARD

Named in tribute to two extraordinary people, this award recognizes lay visionaries who through their generosity and compassion have laid the foundation and advanced the mission of AFAR, helping to populate the field with more scientists focused on aging research and clinicians trained in geriatric care. Their contributions will have an impact for years to come.

- Peter G. Peterson
  Founder and Chairman, Peter G. Peterson Foundation (2016)

- The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation (2013)

- Fredric B. Garonzik,
  AFAR Emeritus Director, Former Partner Goldman Sachs & Co. (posthumous recognition) (2009)

- John C. Whitehead,
  Former Co-Chairman, Goldman Sachs & Co., Former Deputy Secretary of State (2009)

CHAIRMAN’S AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Named in honor of AFAR’s previous chairs, this award is presented to lay individuals or members of the corporate or foundation community who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the field of aging research through his or her activities and support of those involved in the field.

- Roger J. Ferguson, Jr
  President and CEO, TIAA (2016)

- Roger Nitsch, MD,
  Founder and President, Neurimmune (2015)

- Andrew Sieg,
  Managing Director and Head of Global Wealth & Retirement Services, Bank of America Merrill Lynch (2014)

- Andrew Chan, MD, PhD, and Michael Varney, PhD Genentech (2013)
FRED D. THOMPSON AWARD

This award is presented to lay individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to the advancement of aging research.

- Michael Hodin, PhD,
  Adjunct Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, Executive Director of the Global Coalition of Aging (2012)
- Nancy M. Kissinger,
  Trustee emerita, Rockefeller University (2013)
- Norman H. Volk,
- Lawrence J. Ellison,
  Chief Executive Officer, Oracle Corporation (2004)

AFAR AWARD

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- Brian Daniels, MD,
  Senior Vice President of Global Development and Medical Affairs at Bristol-Myers Squibb (2012)
- Mehmood Khan, MD,
  CEO, Global Nutrition Group and Chief Scientific Officer, PepsiCo (2011)
- Sam and Ann Barshop,
  Founders of the Sam and Ann Barshop Institute for Longevity and Aging Studies at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (2010)
- Sylvain Durrleman, MD, PhD
  Vice President and Head of Aging Therapeutic Strategy, Sanofi-Aventis Research and Development, France (2010)
- Bill Novelli,
  Professor, McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University; former CEO, AARP (2010)
- Clarence E. Pearson,
  Global Health Advocate (2010)
- John C. Erickson,
  Chairman and Founder, Erickson Retirement Communities (2009)
- Husseini K. Manji, MD, FRCPC,
  Global Head, Neuroscience Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research and Development (2009)
- Peter D. Meldrum,
  President and CEO, Myriad Genetics, Inc. (2008)
- Christoph Westphal, MD, PhD,
  CEO and Vice Chair, Sirtris Pharmaceuticals (2008)
- Diane A. Nixon,
  Board Member, AFAR (2007)
- John L. (Launny) Steffens,
  Managing Director, Spring Mountain Capital (2007)
- Allen D. Roses, MD,
  Senior Vice President, Pharmacogenetics GlaxoSmithKline (2007)
- Douglas J. LaVigne,
  Senior Vice President, Business Management, Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc. (2006)
- Richard L. Sprott, PhD,
  Executive Director, The Ellison Medical Foundation (2005)
- Zach W. Hall, PhD,
  President, California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (2005)
- Joseph M. Feczko,

ICON OF AGING AWARD

This award is presented to individuals across the private and community sectors whose personal and professional contributions embody growing older with vitality.

- Frances Hesselbein
  President and CEO, The Frances Hesselbein Leadership Institute (2016)

Across all of AFAR’s Awards of Distinction, awardees have included:

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