

## **KAB Distinguished Service Award**

The KAB's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, is given annually for exemplary service to the community, state and broadcast industry. All DSA's prior to 2000 were automatically inducted into the KAB Hall of Fame when it was started that year.

Nominations are separate from Hall of Fame nominations. Nominees are selected based on the information submitted under the five categories listed below. The completeness and clarity of the information submitted is an important factor in the judging. Explicit information should be submitted in all the categories.

The nomination packet should contain a cover page listing the nominee, their home address, e-mail address, and telephone number. The same information should be provided for the person preparing the nomination.

The judging categories are:

**1. Contributions to the Profession**

During their career, what contribution have they made that benefited the Broadcasting profession through their work in local community, state, regional, or national industry organizations or projects?

**2. Broadcast Career**

A brief resume of the nominee's career with highlights emphasized.

**3. Recognition and Awards**

List major broadcast industry awards or recognition received.

**4. Local, State, or National Activities**

Exemplary participation in local, state or national organizations and any recognition received.

**5. Reason Nominee Should be Selected**

Your own personal views as to why this nominee should be a DSA.

Additional information or letters may be included in the nomination.

Nomination forms must be **received by email** ([info@kab.net](mailto:info@kab.net)) by August 1.

Past recipients are listed on the next page

1969 George Gow  
1970 Bob Wells  
1971 Grover Cobb  
1972 Bob Schmidt  
1973 Olaf Soward  
1974 Alf Landon  
1975 Thad Sandstrom  
1976 Arden Booth  
1977 Fred Conger  
1978 Robert Pratt  
1979 Sherwood Parks  
1980 Martin Umansky  
1981 Kay Melia  
1982 Ed Mason  
1983 Tony Jewell  
1984 Dale McCoy, Jr.  
1985 Bob Hilgendorf  
1986 Lowell Jack  
1987 Jerry Holley  
1988 Robert Fromme  
1989 Ed Hundley  
1990 Hank Booth  
1991 John Mileham (posthumously)  
1992 Bill Bengston  
1993 H. Pat Powers  
1994 Mike Oatman and Mike Lynch  
1995 Lynn Higbee (posthumously)  
1996 Stuart Melchert  
1997 George Logan  
1998 Bill Miller  
1999 Merle Blair  
2000 Max Falkenstien  
2001 Ken Jennison  
2002 Jack Sampson  
2003 Ed O'Donnell  
2004 Joe Engel  
2005 Richard Wartell  
2006 Harriet Lange  
2007 Cliff Shank  
2008 Robert Hilton  
2009 Gary Shorman  
2010 Charles Frodsham  
2011 Wayne Godsey  
2012 Marty Melia  
2013 Bob Newton  
2014 Jerry Hinrikus  
2015 Monte Miller  
2016 Dave Freeman  
2017 Sam Elliott (posthumously)

2018 Lance Saylor  
2019 Rick Mach  
2020 Kent Cornish  
2021 Steven Smethers