

Thomas E. Spindle Award Winners

Thomas E. Spindle, an active CAHF participant and member of the Board of Directors, was killed in a 1969 plane crash in Alaska. Following his death, the Board created an annual recognition award in his honor. The Thomas E. Spindle Memorial Award recognizes an individual who has contributed considerable time and knowledge and provided exemplary service to CAHF.

PREVIOUS WINNERS

2021

Julianne Williams
CEO, Elevate Health Care

For the past 30 years, Julianne Williams has dedicated her career to long-term care; rising from a certified nurse assistant to leadership positions in large health care organizations, most recently Elevate Health Care. Throughout that time, she participated in numerous CAHF committees, political advocacy and PAC fundraising, culminating in her election to the Board of Directors. She served on the CAHF executive committee as secretary-treasurer, vice-chair and as chair of the board from 2016-2018 and remains active on CAHF's Strategic Planning and Government Relations committees. Julianne worked in various capacities for Beverly Enterprises for 14 years, including regional vice president. She was named division president of Golden living in 2006. She then went to work as COO of Country Villa Health Services for three years before returning to Golden Living as president, overseeing 83 facilities in 15 states. She co-founded Dycora Transitional Health & Living in 2016. In April 2021, she assumed the role of chief executive officer of Elevate Health Care. Since 2017, she has represented California as a member-at-large on the Board of Governors of the American Health Care Association. In 2021, she authored a book, "Head Above Water," a motivational story which chronicles her experience of losing her husband at age 36 and the journey of surviving and thriving after a traumatic loss. Julianne dedicated the book to her late husband and the plight of those affected by mental illness.



ADDITIONAL PREVIOUS WINNERS

2019 Dick MacFarlane

2018 Calvin Callaway

2017 Mike Cutchshaw

2016 Walter Hekimian

2015 Terry Bane

2014 Elizabeth Plott Tyler

2013 Frances Foy

2012 Boyd Hendrickson

2011 Floyd Rhoades

2010 Bruce Bennett

2009 Richard Mendlen

2008 Stephen Reissman

2007 Nancy Beecham

2006 Sally & Roland Rapp

2005 Paul Tunnell

2004 Ron Kurtz

2003 Ritchie Wills

ADDITIONAL PREVIOUS WINNERS

2002 Terry Mundy

2001 Jill Mendlen

2000 Larry Bradley

1999 Richard Feingold

1998 Ann Gaal

1997 Norm Gould

1996 Jack Markovitz

1995 Janet C. Eisenbeis

1994 Jerry E. Wells

1993 Robert Taylor

1992 Bruce Yarwood

1991 Blaine Hendrickson

1990 Phillip Chase

1989 Mary Baker
Ruth Braswell

1988 Richard Hebbel

1987 Robert Nelson

1986 Art & Mardell Brandt

1985 David Metcalf

1984 Ardell Patterson
Fred Mikesell

1983 Genevieve Skidmore

1982 Del Callaway

1981 Norman & Marian Holden

1980 Janet Walston

1979 Fern Robinson

1978 William J. Bauer

1977 Bernard M. Bubman

1976 Doris Dent

1975 Mary Ellen Forrest

1974 Volney A. Labrath

1973 George C. Scholl, Ph.D

1972 C.R. "Dick" Lafferty

1971 Marshall N. Horsman

1970 Marlow S. Baar

1969 Robert A. Thornblad