

# 74TH ANNUAL HONOR AVARDS

**PROGRAM** 

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#### **GOLD MEDAL – CUSTOMER SERVICE**

#### **Housing Services Methodology Team**

For developing an innovation that significantly improved the methodology used to measure housing services in U.S. national and regional statistics.

- Bettina Aten
- Eric Figueroa
- Solomon Kublashvili
- Dylan Rassier
- Brian Smith

#### **GOLD MEDAL – CUSTOMER SERVICE**

#### Trade in Value Added Statistics Team

For the creation of Trade in Value Added statistics that provide new insights into the U.S. role in increasingly complicated global supply chains.

- Kevin Barefoot
- Jason Chute
- Jiemin Guo
- Thomas Howells
- Connor Franks

- David Mendez
- Robert Omohundro
- Marina Rouleau
- Gabriel Medeiros

#### **GOLD MEDAL – CUSTOMER SERVICE**

#### **International Investment Statistics Team**

For new statistics to identify U.S. exposure to foreign currency risks and financial crises and to understand complex financing of multinationals.

- Patricia Abaroa
- Nathan Hansen
- Elena Nguyen
- Douglas Weinberg

- Christopher Gohrband
- Jessica Hanson
- Karen Minor
- Ryan Smith

#### SILVER MEDAL - CUSTOMER SERVICE

#### **Inflation-Adjusted Statistics Team**

For developing the first inflation-adjusted statistics on consumer spending in all 50 states and detailed data on what each state's households buy.

- Steven Zemanek
- Mahsa Gholizadeh
- Bryan Vengelen
- Christopher Mbu
- Christopher Lucas

**GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE** 

#### **Cynthia Velasco**

For excellence in the investigation of illegal exports of sensitive military equipment to China.

**GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE** 

#### **Steve Huerta**

For excellence in the investigation of a missile procurement network.

#### **GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE**

#### Russian-Ukrainian Export Controls Team

For the unprecedented interagency and international actions that implemented export controls on Russia in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

- Kelly Gardner
- Patricia Muldonian
- Charles Wall
- Michael Burnett
- Linda Minsker
- Alexander Lopes

- Michael Rithmire
- Elizabeth Blanch
- Adam Roth
- Sheila Quarterman
  Asha Mathew
- Adam Berry
- Timothy Mooney

- Steve Emme
- Candida Harty
- Hillary Hess
- Parvin Huda
- Mark Crace

- Sharron Cook
- Anna Bruse
- Jeremy Horan
- Saul Rojas
- Feras Sleiman
- Petrina Chase

#### **GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE**

#### Russian-Ukrainian Conflict Response Team

For extraordinary work to suspend licenses, add parties on the entity list, and ground aircraft in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

- Liliane Bolz
- Gabriella Carney
- Andrea Duvall
- Valerie Goldman
- Aiysha Hussain
- Dawn Kawasaki

- Breanna Krzyzak
- Elena Love
- Logan Norton
- Greg Michelsen

- Deniz Muslu
- Sokun Nhem
- Rebecca Palizza

- Carmen Quesenberry
  Nancy Kook

Julia West

Bobby Sterling

Orestes Theocharides

- Mehrdad Moarefian Michael Tu
- Kirsten Mortimer Ken Ruffin

#### **GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE**

#### **100-Day Report Team**

For professional execution of the 100-day report on the risks in the semiconductor manufacturing and the ICT supply chain report.

- Karen Swasey
- David Boylan
- Erika Maynard
- Maura Weber
- Christopher Denbow
- Jason Bolton

- Luke Myers (ITA)
- Kyle Johnson (ITA)
- Dorothea Blouin (ITA)
- Anita Balachandra (NIST)

SILVER MEDAL - PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

#### **Kenneth Soo**

For developing a compliance mechanism in the Automated Export System to identify illegal shipments exported without a license.

#### **GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE**

#### **Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes Team**

For expanding Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes (PSEO) well beyond that which was believed possible given constraints and limited resources.

- Kimberly Jones
- Andrew Foote
- Stephen Richard Tibbets
- Lawrence Fujio Warren
- Patrick Hayward
- Jody Alexander Hoon-Starr

#### **GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT**

#### **Disclosure Avoidance System Team**

For designing and implementing groundbreaking confidentiality protections for 2020 Census congressional and legislative redistricting data.

- Victoria A. Velkoff
- Ryan R. Cumings
- Michael B. Hawes
- Philip Daniel Leclerc
- Pavel Zhuravlev

- Matthew Spence
- Cynthia Davis Hollingsworth
- James C A Whitehorne
- John M. Abowd
- Simson L. Garfinkel

#### **GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT**

#### **Post-Enumeration Survey Statistics Team**

For devising innovative statistical procedures in the 2020 Census Post-Enumeration Survey to address a series of unique operational circumstances.

- Timothy L. Kennel
- Julianne E. Zamora
- Scott M. Konicki
- Elizabeth M. Marra
- Krista Heim

- Courtney Marie Hill
- Shadie Khubba
- Michael A. Beaghen
- Jinhee Yang Hong
- Mark Lynn Jost

#### **GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT**

#### **Population Estimates Team**

For developing an alternative population estimates base blending several sources of data when full 2020 Census demographic detail was not available.

- Luke Timothy Rogers
- David Ihrke
- Benjamin C. Bolender
  Katrina L. Wengert

- Christine Hartley
- Irene E. Dokko
- Catherine J. Doren
- Larry Douglas Sink

#### **GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT**

#### **Experimental ACS Estimates and Methodology Team**

For developing a new weighting methodology to address pandemic-related nonresponse bias in the 2020 American Community Survey Data.

- Jonathan Louis Rothbaum
- Jonathan Spencer Eggleston
- Charles Adam Bee
- Mark Alexander Klee
- Brian C.B. Mendez-Smith
- Mark E. Asiala

#### **GOLD MEDAL – ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Data Scientist Classification Team**

For spearheading the development of a new occupational series for use in classifying Data Scientist positions in the Federal Government.

- Veronica M. LeGrande
- Lisa M. Frid
- Laura Catherine Nixon Kriviski
- Thomas J. Chesnut
- Rebecca J. Hutchinson

- Christopher Nicholas Carrino
- Jennifer Cheeseman Newburger
- Steven S. Klement
- Robert W. Colosi
- Mary Olivia Michael

#### **GOLD MEDAL – CUSTOMER SERVICE**

#### **Strategic Redistricting Data Team**

For strategic thinking and vision, overcoming COVID impacts, to replan and manage creation and release of the 2020 Census redistricting data.

- Cynthia Davis Hollingsworth
- Jane H. Ingold
- Letha L. Rubin
- Thomas A. Morton
- Jennie Karalewich

- Michael Clark
- Michael R. Moorefield
- Tina T. Egan
- James C A Whitehorne

#### SILVER MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

#### **Records Digitalization Team**

For leading a massive Census Bureau digitalization effort of over 2.3 million records.

- Milicent Y. Alexander
- Chante R. Sawyers
- Trung Khac Nguyen
- Deitra A. Phillips
- Vincent John Czecha

- Aretha G. Wilkerson
- J. Kent Patterson
- Jennifer Lynn Simpson
- Marguerite Molnar

SILVER MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

#### **State Population and Congressional Data Team**

For coordinating the creation and delivery of 2020 Census state population and congressional apportionment data products.

- Kristin D. Koslap
- Steven G. Wilson

#### SILVER MEDAL - PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

#### **Post-Enumeration Survey Innovation Team**

For innovative thinking and actions to complete three complex components of the Post-Enumeration Survey under adverse conditions.

- Shadana R. Myers
- Sherry E. Thorpe
- Monique L. Rhames
- Alonzo W. Johnson
- Peter P. Davis

- Gerard Boudriault
- Beverly Anne Harris
- Kenneth B. Dawson
- Alexander Scott Vallens

#### SILVER MEDAL - PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

#### **Island Areas Response Processing Team**

For outstanding performance in designing, developing, testing, and implementing the 2020 Island Areas Response Processing system.

- Aileen D. Bennett
- Arumugam Sutha
- Chuc Phan
- Fuad J. Foty
- Juan Lopez

- Kenneth B. Dawson
- Michael H. Coan
- Reyan Azeem
- Tammy L. Worth

#### SILVER MEDAL - PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

#### **Redistricting Data Program Team**

For excellence in the adaptation of 2020 Census systems required to produce critical inputs for the Redistricting Data Program.

- Leslie Aaron Fleet
- Hue Tu Ly
- Ebony D. Davis
- Indirani Sundaram
- Nebabu Aynealem

- Thomas P. McCoy
- Thuy T. Nguyen
- Shardae Robinson
- Janette Gresham
- James A. Cope

#### SILVER MEDAL - SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

#### **Demographic Data Map Viewer Team**

For significant achievements related to the planning, development, and release of the 2020 Census Demographic Data Map Viewer.

- Suzanne McArdle
- Amanda M. Mortiz
- Elise Alkire
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- Shatao Arya

- James Wright
- Rachel Marks
- Thomas A. Morton
- Stephanie Morales Garcia
- Christopher J. Boniface

#### SILVER MEDAL - SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

#### **EHealth Program Team**

For creating the EHealth program to strategically re-use existing data to improve measurement of U.S. healthcare.

- Lucinda P. Dalzell
- Victoria M. Udalova
- Joanna Motro
- David S. Powers
- Sara B. Robinson

SILVER MEDAL – CUSTOMER SERVICE

#### Haya A. El Nasser

For creativity, vision, and leadership in growing the innovative America Counts platform to be a premier source of stories about Census Bureau data.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

#### **GOLD MEDAL – LEADERSHIP**

#### **Mara Quintero Campbell**

For expanding EDA grant assistance eligibility in Native American communities in furtherance of more equitable economic development outcomes.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

#### **GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE**

#### **ARPA Funds Team**

For designing and executing innovative processes to enable EDA to award \$1.5 billion in ARPA funds, accelerating economic recovery and creating jobs.

- Eric Smith
- Chivas Grannum
- Amanda Kosty
- Meisha McDaniel
- Carmen Myers-Reed

- Nancy Gilbert
- Ilana Valinsky
- Shelby Wenner
- Maria Messick
- Dwendolyn Chester

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

#### SILVER MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

#### **Strategic Leadership Grants Team**

For providing effective and strategic leadership for new investment and outreach initiatives to meet urgent pandemic response and recovery needs.

- Cindy Edwards
- Lee Mertins
- Dennis Foldenauer
- Marguerite McGinley
- Christine Frost

- Christopher Christian
- Matthew Giannini
- Maiea Sellers
- Kerstin Millius
- Jessica Falk

#### **GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE**

#### **Pandemic Travel Restrictions Team**

For leading the Department of Commerce's advocacy for changes to pandemic travel restrictions.

- Jennifer Aguinaga
- Dave Huether
- Isabel Hill
- Curt Cottle

- John Terpening
- Christina Gay
- Zack Schwartz (Census)

**GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE** 

**Southwest Network** 

Middle East & Africa Region

**CS United Arab Emirates** 

For delivering Trade Winds Middle East & Africa, created for U.S. clients to establish and grow their sales in the region.

**GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE** 

**Enforcement and Compliance** 

Chief Counsel for Trade Enforcement and Compliance (OGC)

For meritorious performance in conducting the AD and CVD investigations of various aluminum sheet products from 18 countries.

**GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE** 

**Global Markets** 

**Industry and Analysis** 

For the successful execution of an advocacy campaign to secure the contract for a subsea cable from Singapore to Europe on behalf of a U.S. exporter.

#### **GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE**

#### U.S.-EU Steel and Aluminum Team

For work in support of reaching the U.S.–EU agreement on trade in steel and aluminum.

- Christopher Blaha
- Morgan Barr
- Jeffrey Eversman
- Anne Flatness
- Brooke Tenison
- Natalie Soroka

- Tobias Reynolds
- Brett McGee
- Gulbin Yildirim
- Praveen Dixit
- Julie Al-Saadawi
- Hugh Smachlo

- Stephanie Langkamp
- Debra Delay
- Steven Presing
- Julia Hancock
- Cara Morrow
- Ryan Majerus

- Kevin Coyne (BIS)
- Erika Maynard (BIS)
- Matthew Borman (BIS)
- Derek Zoock (BIS)

**GOLD MEDAL – ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT** 

**Enforcement and Compliance** 

Chief Counsel for Trade Enforcement and Compliance (OGC)

For its multiyear effort to overhaul and improve aspects of trade enforcement regulations, culminating in new rules entering into effect in the fall of 2021.

#### **GOLD MEDAL – HEROISM**

#### Ukraine – U.S. Commercial Interests Team

For incredible bravery, working to support U.S. commercial interests in Ukraine and the wider region up to and during the Russian attack.

- Olga Vashchenko
  Tetiana Khilko
- Irina Trubnikova

- Olena Stephanska
- Iuliia Myronenko
- Oksana Galukh

- Oksana Semenyshyn
  William Czajkowski
- Myroslava Myrtsalo
  Oleksandra Sokolova
  - Sean Timmins
  - Dorian Mazurkevich
  - Heather Byrnes

- Pamela Ward
- John Fay
- Brittany Banta
- Cindy Biggs
- Monica Bogodai

- Alina Capat
- Mathias Koeckeritz
- Jolanta Mojsa

# INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

## **Christina Sharkey**

For maintaining momentum on key U.S. Government priorities through a historically turbulent change in the Czech Government and for successfully advocating for foundational changes in Czech law and regulations, resulting in a broader opening of the Czech market for U.S. exporters in the healthcare and energy sectors.

# INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

## SILVER MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

#### **Travel and Tourism Data Visualization Team**

For developing new travel and tourism data visualization tools that enable policy makers, industry officials, and the media to better understand the state of international travel to the United States.

- Mark Brown
- Richard Champley
- Claudia Wolfe
- John Terpening
- Christina Gay

# INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

#### SILVER MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

#### **AIM Team**

For exceptional work in creating new regulations, developing a new Commerce aluminum import licensing and monitoring system.

- Julia Hancock
- Alis Asadurian
- Bhargav Desai
- Kamila Khamidova
- Hugh Smachlo

- Jacob Couture
- Jayden Graham-White
- Gabriel Esteves
- Elisabeth Urfer
- Jessica Link (OGC)

## **GOLD MEDAL – LEADERSHIP**

#### **Barbara Goldstein**

For advancing world-leading metrology solutions for U.S. security and economic growth through leadership of the NIST-on-a-Chip program.

## **GOLD MEDAL – LEADERSHIP**

## **Open Security Controls Assessment Language Team**

For enabling faster, more accurate, and lower cost system implementations through automated assessment of security control effectiveness.

- Michaela lorga
- Alexander Stein
- David Waltermire
- Stephen Banghart
- Wendell Piez
- Nikita Wootten
- Dmitry Cousin

## **GOLD MEDAL – LEADERSHIP**

#### **Cell Characterization Standards Team**

For leading the development of cell characterization standards and tools to improve manufacturing and quality assurance of lifesaving therapies.

- Sumona Sarkar
- Sheng Lin-Gibson
- Laura Pierce
- Steven Lund
- David Newton

## **GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT**

## **Tornado Hazard Maps and Methodology Team**

For conception, research, development, and standardization of first-ever tornado hazard maps and tornado load methodology for U.S. building design.

- Marc Levitan
- Long Phan

## **GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT**

#### **Phish Scale Team**

For creating the Phish Scale, a revolutionary tool to rate socially engineered email attacks, strengthening an organization's security posture.

- Kristen Greene
- Shanee Dawkins
- Jody Jacobs
- Mary Theofanos
- Jennifer Kostick

## **GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT**

## **Rydberg Atom Technologies Team**

For seminal and groundbreaking work in Rydberg atom-based sensing, with revolutionary applications in communications, imaging, and manufacturing.

- Christopher Holloway
- Joshua Gordon
- Matthew Simons
- Alexandra Artusio-Glimpse
- Nikunjkumar Prajapati

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## **GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT**

## **Public Safety Communications Lab Network Team**

For developing and deploying a Public Safety Communications Lab Network that has enabled innovative research and influenced commercial products.

John Beltz

Lisa Soucy

Wyatt Suess

Jonathan Cook

Don Harriss

Scott Ledgerwood

Roger Blalock

Ellen Ryan

## **GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT**

## **Quantum Mechanics Team**

For pioneering experimental techniques to generate and precisely measure the quantum entanglement of two macroscopic mechanical resonators.

- John Teufel
- Jose Aumentado
- Katarina Cicak
- Raymond Simmonds
- Scott Glancy
- Emanuel Knill

## **GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT**

Jun Ye

For the most precise measurement of the gravitational redshift using optical atomic clocks, further confirming Einstein's Theory of General Relativity.

## SILVER MEDAL - SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

#### **Paul Butler**

For leadership and foundational contributions to the world's leading analysis tool of small angle scattering data used by thousands of researchers.

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## SILVER MEDAL - SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

#### **Alkali-Silica Reaction Team**

For innovative research to measure and quantify effects of alkali-silica reaction on the safety of nuclear power plants for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

- Jonathan Weigand
- Sorin Marcu
- Fahim Sadek
- Adam Pintar
- Long Phan

## SILVER MEDAL - SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

#### **Cardiac Measurements and Standards Team**

For developing measurements and standards to improve cardiac device reliability for saving and improving lives.

- Timothy Quinn
- Enrico Lucon

## SILVER MEDAL - SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

## **DNA Sequencing Team**

For improving accuracy of DNA sequencing using the first complete human genome sequence and advancing clinical diagnoses and precision medicine.

- Justin Zook
- Justin Wagner
- Jennifer McDaniel
- Nathanael Olson
- Lindsay Harris

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## SILVER MEDAL - SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

#### PNT Infrastructure and Services Team

For strengthening the resilience of position, navigation, and timing infrastructure and services on which global commerce and national security rely.

- Michael Bartock
- Jonathan Hardis
- Ya-Shian Li-Baboud
- James McCarthy
- Suzanne Lightman

- Karen Reczek
- Jeffrey Sherman
- Roger Brown
- Michael Lombardi
- Judah Levine

## SILVER MEDAL - SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

#### **Ultrathin Neutron Detector Team**

For development of an ultrathin neutron detector with unprecedented counting efficiency and extremely low background.

- Nicholas Maliszewskyj
- Kevin Pritchard
- Jeffrey Ziegler
- Charles Majkrzak
- Jean-Philippe Chabot
- Louis Edward Binkley

# NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

#### **GOLD MEDAL – LEADERSHIP**

## **West Coast Operational Forecast System Team**

For exceptional leadership in conceptualizing and implementing NOAA's West Coast Operational Forecast System through a government/academic partnership.

- Eric Bayler
- Carolyn Lindley
- Pat Burke
- Ed Myer
- Derrick Snowden

- Alexander Kurapov
- Becky Baltes
- Jiangtao Xu
- Peter Stone

# NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

## **GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE**

## **NOAA Aircraft Operations Center**

For executing critical aviation missions in support of NOAA's scientific goals during the 2021 hurricane season amidst a global pandemic.

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## **GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT**

#### **River Forecast Center Team**

For deployment of a first-ever national system providing continuity of operations for River Forecast Center forecast and decision support services.

Lee Cajina

Travis Quarterman

Trey Flowers

- Alison MacNeil
- Mark Glaudemans
  David Welch
- Christy Westcott
- Laurie Hogan

Ronla Henry

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## **GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT**

#### **Hurricane Saildrone Team**

For pioneering the application of uncrewed surface vehicles (saildrones) to observe hurricanes and tropical storms.

Gregory Foltz

- Eugene Burger
- Chidong Zhang
- Noah Lawrence-Slavas

Chris Meinig

Francis Bringas

- Gustavo Goni
- Ben Carlson
- Edward Cokelet
- Darrin Moore

# NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

## **GOLD MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT**

## **Next Generation Gulf of Mexico HAB Forecast System Team**

For developing a Next Generation Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Forecast system and delivering value-added products to coastal communities.

- Richard Stumpf
- Michelle Tomlinson
- Timothy Wynne
- Christopher Holland
- Rance Hardison

# NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

## **GOLD MEDAL – CUSTOMER SERVICE**

**Weather Forecast Office Miami, FL** 

For extraordinary commitment and dedication in delivering decision-support services following the Champlain Towers building collapse in June 2021.

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#### **GOLD MEDAL – CUSTOMER SERVICE**

Weather Forecast Office Paducah, KY

Weather Forecast Office Louisville, KY

Weather Forecast Office St. Louis, MO

For exceptional warnings and impact-based decision support services during the unseasonal Kentucky and Illinois tornado outbreak, December 10-11, 2021.

# NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

#### SILVER MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

## Remote Sensing Space System Regulations Team

For developing and implementing remote sensing space system regulations that represent a paradigm shift in Commerce's approach, ensuring continued global leadership.

- Kate Abbott
- Derek Hanson
- Glenn Tallia
- Alan Robinson
- Tahara Dawkins

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#### SILVER MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

## **Fisheries Survey Team**

For historic international accord, industry alliance, and novel integration of fishing and sampling platforms to assess seven transboundary stocks.

- David Demer
- Kevin Stierhoff
- Steve Sessions
- Brittany Schwartzkopf
- Lanora Vasquez Del Mercado
  Edward Gorecki

- Kelsey James
- Scott Mau
- David Murfin
- Emily Gardner

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#### SILVER MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

## **Air Quality Model Team**

For development and implementation of Air Quality Model v6 to significantly advance operational air quality predictions for the Nation.

- Jeff McQueen
- Geoff Manikin
- Logan Dawson
- Fanglin Yang
- Ivanka Stajner

- Youngsun Jung
- Steven Earle
- Rick Saylor
- James Wilczak
- Shobha Kondragunta

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SILVER MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

**GOES-R Program Office** 

Office of Satellite and Product Operations

For integrating, testing, preparing, and launching the third satellite (GOES-T) of the GOES-R series on schedule during a global pandemic.

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#### SILVER MEDAL - SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

#### **AROS Team**

For successful deployment of the Automated Radiosonde Observing System as part of the Radio Frequency Migration Project in Alaska.

- Angel M. Corona
- Steven L. Lyell
- Randy L. Davis
- Michael R. Couch
- Larry B. Hubble

- Thomas E. Martin
- Eric B. Ellis
- Eddy J. Allen
- John S. Allen
- Jeffrey A. Paul

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## SILVER MEDAL – SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT

## **IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report Team**

For scientific leadership in leading, drafting, coordinating, and communicating the findings of the reports of the IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report.

- John Dunne
- Vaishali Naik
- Libby Jewett
- Robert Hallberg
- Elena Shevliakova

- James Kossin
- Russell Vose
- Kirstin Holsman
- Anne Hollowed

# NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – HEROISM

#### **Michael Lind**

For leading volunteers in removing an unconscious driver from his damaged vehicle and keeping him alive until transported to a hospital for treatment.

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# NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

#### SILVER MEDAL - PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

#### **Brian Larkin**

For drafting and gaining support for the Prague Proposals on Telecommunications on Supplier Diversity, the first set of international principles on 5G supplier diversity.

# OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

## **GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE**

# **Jeremy Licht**

For spearheading critical legal guidance across multiple Administration and Department priority initiatives, from planning to execution.

# OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

#### GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

## Russia – Ukraine Legal Response Team

For providing outstanding legal support in developing comprehensive export controls as part of a global response to Russia's Ukraine invasion.

- Parvin Huda
- Adam Berry
- Gregory Michelsen
- Andrea Duvall

- Aiysha Hussain
- Charles Wall
- Candida Harty

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# OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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#### GOLD MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

## **Trans-Atlantic Data Privacy Framework Team**

For successfully negotiating the Trans-Atlantic Data Privacy Framework deal with the European Commission to support data flows and trade.

- John Cobau
- Edward Rivera
- Christopher Hoff
- Alex Greenstein
- Rochelle Osei-Tutu

- Clinton Harper
- Isabella Carlton
- Michael A. Lally
- Lora Baker

# OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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SILVER MEDAL – PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

## **Kathryn Nickerson**

For successfully leading international negotiations at the OECD of an Anti-Bribery Recommendation to combat foreign bribery in international business.

# OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ADMINSTRATION

SILVER MEDAL – LEADERSHIP

## **Enterprise Grant Progress Tracking Team**

For developing and implementing a consolidated enterprise-wide grant tracking and analysis function with program management best practices.

- Daniel Bare
- Mark B. Daley

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