

2019 NATIONAL CHARACTER AWARDS

The awards will recognize excellence and achievement in character development in the areas of education, workplace, sports and families. Presented annually at the Character.org Annual Gala these individuals and institutions are recognized for their outstanding work and support of the *11 Principles of Character*.

Education

Lifetime Achievement Award

The “Sandy Award” presented to the individual who has demonstrated a lifetime of commitment to character development in education and the advancement of character-based curriculum. This person understands the importance of character development in our schools and to our children and understands that character is a trait that can be developed. They also believe there is no better place to begin this process, then with our children at the earliest stages of their education.

Game Changer Award

Presented to the individual that has made significant contributions in character development. Not solely in traditional methods but also in non-traditional and innovative methods, that have impacted a broad range of students and academics. A person who believes that character development takes many forms and who has been open to and practiced unique and innovative ways to deliver character development in our education institutions.

Rising Star Award

Presented to a newcomer in character development, this person exemplifies the principles of character development in education and has embraced the process. They have risen to a challenge and they have excelled in helping others to rise to the challenge as well. They have championed character

development and have expanded the reach into institutions who have not traditionally recognized the principles.

Sports

Game Changer Award

Presented to an individual who has brought character development in athletics to a high level. Never content to demonstrate good character in sports, this person has made it their life's work. They have developed new and innovative ways to bring character development to teams, programs, coaches and institutions. Ever the advocate, this person has changed the way others are educated, the definition of what good character means and has spread the understanding of the principles of good character locally and internationally.

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Work Place

Lifetime Achievement Award

Presented to an individual who throughout their career, has consistently shared a strong vision and deep commitment to providing employees and company's access to the very best character and leadership development programs. They embody the definition of character in business and have strived to live to the highest standards of good character in the workplace. Equally as important, they have encouraged their co-workers, employees and corporations to live to these standards as well.

Game Changer Award

Presented to an individual that has literally changed the way people and corporations think about how they conduct business. This person is a pioneer and advocate for responsibility, effective management and strong character and leadership development in the workplace. They recognize that the workplace is one of the cornerstones of character development and they

have worked tirelessly to educate and advocate corporations and their workforces to demonstrate good character.

Special Award

Character and Courage Award

Presented to an individual or individuals that have demonstrated extreme character and courage in the face of adversity. By digging deep into their character, they have gone beyond the norm to bring change and they have positively affected others' lives beyond their local circles. By setting aside their own well-being and putting the cause first, they are indeed changing the world for the better.

Family

Lifetime Award Family

Presented to an individual, individuals or institutions, this award recognizes contributions to the education and development of character in families. Recognizing that character development starts in the home, they have worked tirelessly to create strong foundations in the home for character development. Their work, support and the development of family-based programs, they have demonstrated that strong family units are breeding grounds for strong individual character development. As such, they are advocates, mentors, coaches and champions of the principle of character.