

2006 Award Winners

To celebrate the achievements of our colleagues and partners who excel in serving persons with disabilities, we are pleased to congratulate the following award-winners:

(All recipients pictured with 2006 Awards Co-Chair, Jenelle Pitt)



Virgie Winston-Smith Lifetime Achievement Award

2006 Award Recipient—Dr. Tennyson Wright, University of South Florida

This award is named in memory of a long time member of the association from California who advocated on behalf of the Association and the issues it represented. She was a strong and vocal spokesperson for multicultural issues and represented well the dignity and professionalism of persons of color.



Sylvia Walker Education Award

2006 Recipient—Dr. George Parris, Wayne State University

The Sylvia Walker Education Award is named after a professor, researcher and director of the first federal Research and Training Center focused on minority issues and disability.



Bobbie Atkins Research Award

2006 Award Recipient—Dr. Chandra Donnell, Michigan State University

This award is named after Dr. Bobbie Atkins, a professor at San Diego State University who has been a leading educator, publisher, researcher and trainer, grant developer, and spokesperson on multicultural, gender and other issues in rehabilitation.



Joyce Keener Meritorious Service Award

2006 Award Recipient—Dr. Yolanda Edwards, University of South Carolina

This award is named after the inspirational first national leader of NAMRC, and convener of the first national association conference. Recipients of this award are individuals who have provide continuous and loyal service and leadership to the association.



T. K. Bridges Practitioner Award

2006 Award Recipient— Ms. Cindy Mundis, Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

This award is named after a former counselor, supervisor, and manager for the Alabama Rehabilitation Agency from 1972-1994, who had a deep commitment to rehabilitation counseling and coined the term “elite practitioner” to denote competence and professionalism in the field.



Silvio Sean Reyes Student of the Year Award

2006 Award Recipient—Ms. Caprice Quinn, Wayne State University

This award is named after a doctoral student in rehabilitation at Southern Illinois University who served as the Association’s first student representative to the Board.