

## 2021 American Association of Zoo Keepers, Inc. Awards

### AAZK Lifetime Achievement Award

Michlyn Hines, Los Angeles Zoo & America's Teaching Zoo at Moorpark College

### AAZK Meritorious Achievement Award

Eric Kowalczyk, Woodland Park Zoo

### AAZK Lutz Ruhe Professional of the Year Award

Niklci Maticic, Zoo Keeper (Kids Farm/Big Cats/Andean Bear) *Please send \$500 to her*  
Smithsonian's National Zoo  
3001 Connecticut Ave NW  
Washington, DC  
20008

### AAZK Janet McCoy Excellence in Public Education Award

*1st place:* Caroline Cay Adam, The Zoo in Forest Park & Education Center  
*Runner-up:* Regine Smith and the Ambassador Animal Team, Woodland Park Zoo

### AAZK Lee Houts Advancement in Environmental Enrichment Award

*1st place:* Robyn Jackson, Disney's Animal Kingdom *Recipient of \$500 Gift from Desert Plastics*  
*Runner-up:* California Trail Section Zookeepers (Leslie Storer, Erin Melroy, Brittany Combs, Myra Daly, Alicia Powers), Oakland Zoo

### AAZK Nico van Strien Leadership in Conservation Award

*1st place:* Lori Smith, Animal Keeper *Please send \$500 to her*  
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*Runner-up:* Kat Mantzouris, The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore

### Certificate of Recognition

Kelly Murphy, North Carolina Zoo, for serving as Chair of the AAZK Safety Committee  
James Weinpress, Virginia Living Museum, for serving on the AAZK Board of Directors  
Jenna Schmidt, Tulsa Zoo, for serving as Program Manager of the NZKW Program  
Kerri D'Ancicco, Disney's Animal Kingdom, for serving as Chair of the AAZK Professional Development Committee  
Janine Bartling, Utah's Hogle Zoo, for serving as Co-Chair of the AAZK Professional Development Committee

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