



Dedicated To Professional Animal Care

TO: AAZK BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: PAUL BRANDENBURGER- AAZK PRESIDENT
SUBJECT: 2023 AAZK AWARD RECIPIENTS
DATE: 6/2/2023
ACTION: RATIFICATION BY 6/9/23
PASSES 6-0-0
CC: ED HANSEN/CEO/CFO
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AAZK LUTZ RUHE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

TIFFANY MAYO, AREA LEAD HOSPITAL KEEPER *PLEASE SEND \$500*
CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO

AAZK JEAN M. HROMADKA EXCELLENCE IN ANIMAL CARE AWARD

GIRAFFE HOUSE TEAM (ERIKA MURPHY, AMY BOTKE, KATE BEYERSDORF, MCKENZIE SCHULER, CAITLIN O'DONNELL, KATELYN NEWELL, LORIE WYNN) *PLEASE SEND \$500 TO ERIKA MURPHY*
MARYLAND ZOO IN BALTIMORE

AAZK JANET MCCOY EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARD

1ST PLACE: MALLOY SEIBOLD, JOY KOTHEIMER AND KEVIN KOLLAR, COLUMBUS ZOO

AAZK LEE HOUTS ADVANCEMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL ENRICHMENT AWARD

1ST PLACE: TAMARA COOKE, SAFARI WEST
RUNNER-UP: ANNA GOLDBERG, RIVERBANKS ZOO AND GARDEN

AAZK EXCELLENCE IN TRAINING AWARD

1ST PLACE: MEGAN PUSHIE AND THE ELEPHANT ENCOUNTER TEAM, SENIOR KEEPER, UTAH'S HOGLE ZOO
RUNNER-UP: DIANA VOGEL, ANIMAL KEEPER, SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL ZOO AND CONSERVATION BIOLOGY INSTITUTE

AAZK NICO VAN STRIEN LEADERSHIP IN CONSERVATION AWARD

1ST PLACE: SUZANNE AKERMAN, STAFF BIOLOGIST *PLEASE SEND \$500*
POINT DEFIANCE ZOO AND AQUARIUM
RUNNER-UP: AARON JESUE, SENIOR KEEPER (GREAT APES), DETROIT ZOO

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

MATT MILLS, FACILITY, FOR SERVING AS THE MANAGER OF THE BOWLING FOR RHINOS PROGRAM
KRISTEN SCAGLIONE, AKRON ZOO, FOR SERVING ON THE AAZK BOARD OF DIRECTORS
KRISTEN SCAGLIONE, AKRON ZOO, 2023 NATIONAL AAZK CONFERENCE CHAIR
ANGELA PAYERLE, AKRON ZOO, 2023 NATIONAL AAZK CONFERENCE CHAIR

IN APPRECIATION AWARD

AKRON ZOO, 2023 AAZK NATIONAL CONFERENCE HOST INSTITUTION

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

AKRON ZOO AAZK CHAPTER, 2023 AAZK NATIONAL CONFERENCE HOST CHAPTER



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BARBARA MANSPEAKER CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

CAPE MAY COUNTY ZOO AAZK CHAPTER, CAPE MAY COUNTY ZOO

TREES FOR YOU AND ME CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

MILWAUKEE AAZK CHAPTER, ADDITIONAL RECIPIENT FOR 2023