



## Past Tourism Award Recipients

### **#LoveLoudoun Ambassador of the Year**

- 2016 – Jamil Chaudhry, National Conference Center
- 2017 – Sarah Siefullah, Best Western Dulles Airport Inn  
Chelsea Grim, Goodstone Inn & Restaurant
- 2018 – Dusting Spencer, The National Conference Center

### **Back of the House Hero of the Year**

- 2016 – German Lopez, Goodstone Inn & Restaurant
- 2016 – Reina Ruiz, Hampton Inn Cascades
- 2017 – Andy Chess, Hyatt Place Sterling Dulles Airport North
- 2018 – Helen Kendall, The National Conference Center
- 2019 – Tourism Awards Were Not Held
- 2020 – Tourism Awards Were Not Held
- 2021 – Jessica Dinkins, Experience Bluemont
- 2022 – Allen Stoudt, Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum
- 2023 – Luke Haley Sr., National Conference Center
- 2024 – Joe Sotomayor, Vino Virginia
- 2025 -- Daniel Jones, Kitchen Manager, Ford's Fish Shack

### **Tourism Action Award**

- 2016 – National Conference Center, Project Search
- 2017 – The New Ag School, Doug Fabboli-Founder
- 2018 – Shocktober, The Arc of Loudoun

### **Tourism Event of the Year**

- 1999 - Waterford Homes Tour & Crafts Exhibit
- 2000 - Potomac Celtic Festival
- 2001 - PONY National Softball Tournament
- 2002 - Waterford Homes Tour & Crafts Exhibit
- 2003 - Middleburg Kennel Club All-Breed Dog Show
- 2004 - Hunt Country Antiques Fair
- 2005 - PONY National Softball Tournament
- 2006 - Christmas in Middleburg
- 2007 - Waterford Homes Tour & Crafts Exhibit
- 2007 - Loudoun Border Guards Fife & Drum Corps National Muster

### **Attendance up to 3,000**

- 2008 - Chrysalis Vineyards 8th Annual Norton Wine & Bluegrass Festival
- 2009 - Purcellville 7th Annual Town Wide Tag Sale
- 2010 - Conference on the Art of Command in the Civil War
- 2011 - National Sporting Library & Museum's Sporting Art Museum Opening
- 2012 - Great Country Farms Bluemont BBQ Bash & Blackberry Bonanza
- 2013 – Middleburg Film Festival
- 2014 – No Nominations
- 2015 – Loudoun Wineries Association Ultimate Winemaker Experience

### **Attendance over 3,000**

- 2008 - Upperville Colt and Horse Show
- 2009 - Virginia Fall Races
- 2010 - Aldie Harvest Festival
- 2011 - Christmas In Middleburg
- 2012 - Waterford Homes Tour & Crafts Exhibit

2013 – Aldie Harvest Festival & Duck Race  
2014 – Purcellville Wine & Food Festival  
2015 – Pony Nationals Girls Softball Tournament

**Annual Tourism Event of the Year**

2016 – 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies Board Rummage Sale  
2017 – Tarara Summer Concert Series  
2018 – Shocktober  
2019 – Tourism Awards Were Not Held  
2020 – Tourism Awards Were Not Held  
2021 – USSSA C Eastern National Softball Championships  
2022 – Harry Potter: A Forbidden Forest Experience  
2023 – US Youth Soccer Eastern Regional Soccer Tournament  
2024 – The Family Reunion, Salamander Middleburg  
2025 – USA Softball Eastern National Championship, Loudoun County Parks, Recreation & Community Services

**Community Event of the Year**

2023 – Leesburg Flower & Garden Festival  
2024 – LoCo Kids Fest, Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services  
2025 – Lincoln Strawberry Festival, Wegmeyer Farms

**New Tourism Event of the Year**

2016 – United States Specialty Sports Association Class “C” National Championships  
2017 – The Horse in Ancient Greek Art Exhibition  
2018 – Gardens in the Gap  
2019 – Tourism Awards Were Not Held  
2020 – Tourism Awards Were Not Held

**New Tourism Business of the Year**

2021 – The Local Proposal  
2022 – October One Vineyard, Wine Tasting Shop  
2023 – Home2 Suites by Hilton Leesburg  
2024 – No Nominees  
2025 – The Hotel Burg

**Tourism Volunteer of the Year**

1999 - Bronwen Souder, Waterford Foundation  
2000 - David Meyer and Mary Lou Bertola, Lower Loudoun Girls Softball League and PONY National Tournament  
2001 - Dale Polen Myers, Babe Ruth World Series  
2002 - Pam and Don McMurray, Loudoun County Bed & Breakfast Guild  
2004 - Carl Fischer, Arts in the Alley & Purcellville Holiday Celebration  
2005 - Kate Zurschmeide, Great Country Farms & Rural Economic Development Commission  
2005 - Robert Gordon, Loudoun Commercial Title & Zoning Ordinance Review Committee  
2006 - Kim Labash, Bluemont Fair  
2007 - Punkin Lee, Journeymen Saddlers and Middleburg Tourism Advocate  
2008 - Mary Kay Garwood, The Pink Box  
2009 - Jo Ann Hazard, Middleburg Country Inn  
2010 - Town of Middleburg  
2011 - George Tiedeman, Mosby Heritage Area Association  
2012 - Terry Corle, Sr., Loudoun County Fair  
2013 – Peter Wood, Middleburg Arts Council  
2014 – Genie Ford, Founder & Co-Founder of Shakespeare in the “Burg and the Hunt Country Writer’s Annual Retreat  
2014 – Civil War Sesquicentennial Steering Committee  
2015 – Joe Becek, Historical Interpreter & Docent with Northern VA Regional Parks  
2016 – Bonnie Getty, Chair Waterford Fair & Historic Homes Tour

2017 – Ken Reid, Middleburg Business & Professional Association

2018 – *No Award Submissions*

2019 – Tourism Awards Were Not Held

2020 – Tourism Awards Were Not Held

2021 – *No Award Submissions*

### **Tourism Employee of the Year**

1999 - Veronica Fuentes, Holiday Inn Washington Dulles

1999 - Holly Bryant, Fairfield Inn

2000 - Carmen Machado, Homestead Village Dulles

2000 - Mary Suddeuth, Executive Conference & Training Center

2001 - Mike Doyle, Virginia Coach

2002 - Edin Huskic, Comfort Suites Leesburg

2003 - Kevin Jackson, Hampton Inn & Suites Leesburg

2004 - Ana Ruth Dominguez, Hampton Inn Washington Dulles Airport

### **Management**

2005 - Jackie Gosses, Hampton Inn & Suites Leesburg

2006 - Jo Ann Sweeney, Holiday Inn Washington Dulles

2007 - Doug Smith, Historic Morven Park

2007 - Beth Reed, South Street Under

2008 - Vaughn Skaggs, Market Salamander

2009 - Kelly Graber, B.F. Saul Company Hotel Division

2010 - Laura Fletcher, Comfort Suites Leesburg

2011 - Emily Tabachka, Goodstone Inn & Restaurant

2012 - Maria Canora, Doukénie Winery

2013 – Linda Boyer, Goodstone Inn & Restaurant

2014 – Gemma Brown, Salamander Resort & Spa

2015 – Lisa Wilhelm, Lansdowne Resort

2016 – Mark Underwood, Ford's Fish Shack

2017 – Curtis Allred, Delirium Café Leesburg

2018 – Amy Denton, DiVine Wine Tours of Virginia

Rebecca Rally, Bluemont Vineyard

2019 – Tourism Awards Were Not Held

2020 – Tourism Awards Were Not Held

2021 – Walter Jinks, Salamander Resort & Spa

2022 – Danijela Mihajlovic, Homewood Suites Leesburg

2023 – Chris Suarez, Bear Chase Brewing

2024 – Drew Bishop, Philomont General Store

2025 -- Rob Lorenzen, General Manager, Ashburn Ice House

### **Front-Line / Front-of-the-House**

2005 - Gilbert Charite, Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club

2006 - Lorita Malipal, Hampton Inn & Suites Leesburg

2007 - Gerry Waldron, Tuscarora Mill Restaurant

2008 - Jason Reaves, Market Salamander

2009 - Matilda Reuter, The Red Fox Inn

2010 - Mike Devine, Aldie Mill

2011 - Aziz Elhamdani, The National Conference Center

2012 - Fern Bratten, Salamander Touch

2013 – Ramon Nawabi, Hilton Garden Inn Dulles North

2014 – Amy Thunell, The Stable at Bluemont Vineyard

2015 – Rohitha Basnayake, Hampton Inn Cascades and Tina Kumpf, Hilton Garden Inn Dulles

2021 – Jennifer Puffinberger, Bluemont Vineyard

2022 – Shama Khan, Washington Dulles Airport Marriott

2023 – Eduardo Alvarenga, Candlewood Suites Sterling

2024 – Kristin Arenius, Tuscarora Mill Restaurant

2025 -- Virginia Huntley, Concierge, Salamander Middleburg

### **Tourism Promotion/Campaign of the Year**

1999 - Middleburg Bucks  
2000 - Lansdowne Resort, Food & Wine Camp  
2001 - The Chile Man  
2002 - Loudoun Wine Trail Guide  
2004 - Loudoun Museum, Hauntings  
2004 - Patowmack Farm, Dinner in the Garden  
2005 - Dodona Manor Opening  
2006 - Lansdowne Resort, Jazz on the Potomac  
2007 - Harry Potter Party, Books & Crannies  
2008 - 18th Annual Leesburg Flower & Garden Festival  
2009 - Tuscarora Mill Restaurant, Local Farmers & Vintners Campaign  
2010 - Treasures On The Turnpike  
2011 - 2nd Annual Leesburg Airshow  
2013 - Doukénie Winery Public Relations/Social Media/Online Marketing Campaign  
2014 - Middleburg Film Festival  
2015 - Paxton Campus: Shocktober  
2016 - National Conference Center: GO BIG  
2017 - Marketing & Re-Branding of the Town of Hillsboro  
2018 - Keeping Up With Cupcake, Salamander Resort & Spa  
2019 - Tourism Awards Were Not Held  
2020 - Tourism Awards Were Not Held  
2021 - Holiday Road, Dinamic Communications LLC  
2022 - TASTE Leesburg, Town of Leesburg Parks & Recreation Department  
2023 - Leesburg Loves Dogs, Town of Leesburg Economic Development  
2024 - Loudoun County Out and Back, Lark Brewing Co.  
2025 - Guild Guide & Perks Pass, Loudoun Bed & Breakfast Guild

### **Loudoun Certified Tourism Ambassador of the Year**

2021 - Renee Ventrice  
2022 - Lori Wiegand  
2023 - Cheri Shields  
2024 - Paul Bauman  
2025 - Staci Collins

### **Diversity in Travel**

2021 - Donna Bohanon  
2022 - The Family Reunion, Salamander Resort & Spa  
2023 - Loudoun Art Tours  
2024 - *You Belong Here: Hospitality Industry Training for an Accessible Loudoun*  
2025 - *Pride in the Vines*

### **Humanitarian Award**

2006 - Embassy Suites Dulles North and Dysautonomia Youth Network of America (DYNA)  
2007 - Tom Chase, The National Conference Center  
2009 - Manuel Simpson, Crème de la Crème (Individual) and Marriott International (Organizational)  
2010 - Robin Cavanagh, Duchessa  
2011 - Mid-Atlantic Spartan Sprint  
2012 - Farm-to-Fork Loudoun  
2013 - Tom Sweitzer, A Place to Be  
2014 - Shocktober, Paxton Campus  
2015 - No Nominations

### **Judy Patterson Tourism Award**

1998 - Stephen P. Hines  
1999 - Federal Per Diem Task Force  
2000 - Lou Canonico

2001 - James Wilding  
2002 - Frances Raflo  
2003 - Leo Schefer, Washington Airports Task Force  
2004 - Waterford Foundation  
2005 - Linda Callagy, The Potomac Gallery  
2006 - Margaret Hubert, Tarara Winery  
2006 - Peter Dunning, Bluemont Concert Series  
2007 - Karen Jones  
2008 - Cate Magennis Wyatt, The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership  
2009 - Fran Holmbraker, Waterford Foundation  
2010 - Cheryl Kilday, President & CEO, Spokane Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau  
(Former President & CEO, Visit Loudoun)  
2011 - Punkin Lee, Journeymen Saddlers  
2012 - Doug Fabboli, Fabboli Cellars  
2013 – Sandy Lerner, Ayshire Farm  
2014 – Childs Burden, Mosby Heritage Area Association  
2015 – Scott York, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors 1995-2015  
2016 – Dr. Sheila Johnson, Salamander Resort & Spa and Middleburg Film Festival  
2017 – Betsy Davis, Town of Middleburg  
2018 – The Restaurant at Patowmack Farm, Beverly Morton Billand  
2019 – Tourism Awards Were Not Held  
2020 – Tourism Awards Were Not Held  
2021 – Ellen Goldberg  
2022 – Kevin Malone  
2023 – Loudoun Wineries & Winegrowers Association  
2024 – Susan Manch, Waterford Foundation  
2025 -- Aimee Henkle

In addition to the competitive awards, Visit Loudoun gives awards to those individuals, businesses, and programs that made significant contributions to Visit Loudoun and the tourism industry throughout the year.

**Partner of the Year**

2002 - Holly Heider Chapple Flowers  
2003 - Celebrations Catering and Events and Whitehall Manor  
2004 - Old Dominion Brewing Company  
2005 - BF Saul Hotel Group  
2006 - June Stanich Photography  
2007 - Doug Fabboli, Fabboli Cellars  
2008 - Lansdowne Resort  
2009 - Tuscarora Mill Restaurant  
2010 - Pev's Paintball and the Goodstone Inn & Estate  
2011 - Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services  
2012 - Tarara Winery  
2013 – Lansdowne Resort

**Award Renamed: Steve Hines Partner of the Year**

2014 – Comfort Suites Leesburg  
2015 – Reston Limousine and Loudoun County Department of Economic Development  
2016 – Stone Tower Winery  
2017 – Great Country Farms, Dirt Farm Brewing, and Bluemont Vineyard  
2018 – Ford's Fish Shack  
2019 – Tourism Awards Were Not Held  
2020 – Tourism Awards Were Not Held  
2021 – Loudoun Chamber  
Loudoun County Economic Development  
2022 – Walsh Family Wine  
2023 – Old Ox Brewery

2024 – Ali MacIntyre

2025 -- Bridgette Smith, Williams Gap Vineyard

**Distinguished Service Awards**

2002 - Dee Dee Hubbard, Lost Mountain Graphics, Connie Fletcher, and Bill Gallant

2004 - Temple Hall Farm MAiZE & Fall Festival of Farming Fun

2006 - Kevin Wright for Hamilton fire units, Chief Joseph Pozzo, and Fire Marshall Keith Brower  
on behalf of all the fire and rescue personnel and volunteers they represent

2007 - The Pink Box, Middleburg

2008 - Heather Akers, Tarara Winery

2009 - Dave Carver, Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services

2010 - George Lengauer, Jr., Seven Loaves and the Windy Hill Foundation

2011 - Terra Capps, Loudoun County Office of Emergency Management

2013 – Salamander Resort & Spa

2014 – Riley McGovern, Comfort Suites Leesburg

2015 – Tyiesha Thaxton, Lansdowne Resort

2016 – Bechtel Panda Stonewall Power Project

2023 – Congresswomen Jennifer Wexton (VA-10)

**Hometown Star**

2008 - Gary M. Clemens, Clerk of the Circuit Court

2009 - Paul & Danielle Reid and Michael & Jennifer Stansbury, Awakening Music Festival

2010 - Marvin Simms, Town of Middleburg