

2023 72nd Annual

OHIO

YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT



**TOMORROW'S LEADERS
START TODAY**

YOUTH LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION

**Youth Governor
Donald Cruse**
Jackson YLA

**Youth Chief Justice
McKinley Morris**
Jackson YLA

APRIL 13 -15, 2023



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Section I: Welcome

From the Desk of the Ohio Youth Governor

Hello, everyone, and welcome to Ohio's 72nd annual Youth in Government program. I want to start by thanking everyone who has made this weekend possible. Thank you to Tony and Teresa and the whole YLA family. Thank you to my officers who have been my rocks throughout this entire process. And finally, thank you to each and every one of you for showing up this weekend and putting parts of your life on hold to have your voice heard. Our gathering here this weekend, in this house of the people of Ohio, is more than just an entertaining glimpse into the work that goes on in this city every day; it is an opportunity for each of you - whether through bill or brief- to exercise your right as an American and Ohioan to make your leaders hear you.

As your Governor for this session of Youth in Government, I am privileged to see the hard work you have all put into your bills, briefs, and arguments from a unique perspective. I remember my first year at YG- I thought the Governor was out of reach, untouchable. That is most certainly not the case. This weekend, I am your resource, your advocate, and your friend. I implore you to come to me with questions, concerns, or simply small-talk. I hope you have the most enjoyable, educational experience possible.

Thank you,

Donald O. Cruse

Youth Governor of Ohio



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Section II: Important Information

2023 Student Legislature Schedule

Thursday, April 13, 2023		
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Registration	Sheraton - Governor's Foyer
1:15 p.m.	Advisors Meeting	Sheraton - Executive Room
2:00 p.m.	Officers & Candidates Committee Chairs Meeting	Sheraton - Executive Room
2:45 p.m.	All Delegates and Advisors Convene Students with Role in Opening Session House and Judicial Members Senate, Pages, Press, Lobbyists	House Chamber (Locations for Specific Groups Below) Back of House Chamber House floor Center Balcony
3:00 p.m.	Joint Session of the Model Legislature & Supreme Court Escort Committee: Presiding Prayer Pledge of Allegiance Ascertaining a Quorum House Ascertaining a Quorum Senate	Dayne Neff, Aidan Ross, Brooklyn Horner, Megan Whitley Jade Winters, Jackson, Speaker of the House Olivia Moore, Jackson, House Chaplain Gretchen Reed, Washington Courthouse Representative Lucas Jolly, Jackson Senator Mary Claire Thompson, Wellington
	Oath of Office "I, (state your name), do solemnly swear, to execute to the best of my ability, the duties and responsibilities of my office, and to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Laws of the State of Ohio, and the rules and procedures of the Ohio YLA Youth in Government program. This I do as I shall answer unto God."	Honorable Melody Stewart, Justice of The Ohio Supreme Court
	Keynote Remarks Keynote Address 2023 Youth Governor Speech 2023 Youth Chief Justice Presentation of Flag Certificates of Office	Col. Charles A. Jones, OSHP Superintendent Donald Cruse, Jackson McKinley Morris, Jackson Steve Volk, YLA Board Member Tess Elshoff, Northwest Ohio Regional Liasion for Secretary of State, Frank LaRose & YLA Board Member
4:00 p.m.	Concluding Remarks	Tony Antonini, YLA Executive Director
4:30 - 4:45 p.m.	Introduction to the House and Senate	
4:45 - 6:35 p.m.	Orientation & Practice Initial Legislative Bills start through committees. Committee chairs don't forget to stop at Bill Coordinators' table before going to dinner.	Committee Rooms (see page 6 of Bill Book for room numbers and 34 for Schedule of Legislation). Be sure to follow the times allotted
6:35 - 7:35 p.m.	Dinner on your own	
7:40 - 8:30 p.m.	House and Senate in Session (Orientation, Practice Bills, and Legislative Proposals)	
8:35 p.m.	Return to Sheraton for the evening	
9:00 -11:00 p.m.	Refreshments Gather in the Governors Ballroom to Hangout or play games to not disturb hotel guests.	Sheraton - Governor's Ballroom
11:00 p.m.	In your Own Room & Quiet (curfew 11:00pm– 7:00am). Please be quiet on your way back to your room as to not disturb other guests.	



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7:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast - plated	Sheraton - Governor's Ballroom
8:15 a.m.	Officers, Committee Chairs & Vice Chairs Meeting	Sheraton - Governor's Ballroom
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Joint Session of the Model Legislature & Supreme Court	
	Governor's Speech	Mike DeWine , Governor, State of Ohio
	Governor's Q & A with the YG Press Corps	
	Group Photo with the Governor	
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	House and Senate in Committee	
11:40 - 12:40 p.m.	House and Senate in Session	
12:40 - 1:40 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own	
1:45 - 2:45 p.m.	House and Senate in Committee	
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.	House and Senate in Session	
3:45 - 4:15 p.m.	Break	
4:15 - 4:25 p.m.	Pictures	Statehouse steps (facing the Sheraton)
4:30 - 6:10 p.m.	House and Senate in Committee	
6:10 - 7:10 p.m.	Dinner on your own	
7:15 - 8:30 p.m.	House and Senate in Session	
8:30 p.m.	Return to Sheraton for the evening	
9:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Governor’s Dance	Sheraton – Governor's Ballroom
11:00 p.m.	In your Own Room & Quiet (curfew 11:00pm– 7:00am). Please be quiet on your way back to your room as to not disturb other guests.	
Saturday, April 15, 2023		
7:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast - plated	Sheraton – Governor's Ballroom
8:45 a.m.	Officers, Committee Chairs & Vice Chairs Meeting	Statehouse - Bill Coordinator table House
9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	and Senate in Committee, Ballots to Be Distributed, Exit Surveys To Be Completed	
9:20- 10:45 a.m.	House and Senate in Session Consider Legislation Election of Officers for 2024	
11:00 a.m.	Joint Session of the Model Legislature & Supreme Court	
	Presiding	Liliana Printz, President of the Senate
	Election of Governor and Lt. Governor	
	Achievements of 2023 Legislature	Donald Cruse , Jackson, Governor
	Achievements of 2023 Supreme Court	McKinley Morris , Jackson, Chief Justice
	Waldock Performance Award	Tony Antonini , Executive Director
	Distinguished Service Award	Steve Evans & Reed Byers , YLA Key Volunteers
	Installation of Officers 2024	
	Concluding Remarks	Tony Antonini , Executive Director
12:30	Adjournment	



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2023 Student Judicial Schedule

Thursday, April 13, 2023				
3:00 p.m.	Joint session of the Model Legislature & Supreme Court See legislature schedule for details			House Chamber
4:15 p.m.	Supreme Court Assembles- orientation, practice bills, prep for Oral Arguments			Hearing Room 217 North (second floor)
5:45 - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner on your own			
7:15 - 8:00 p.m.	Case #1 Timothy Ross vs. John Peters			
	<u>Appellee</u>	<u>Appellant</u>	<u>Justices</u>	<u>Marshall</u>
	Sydney Fain	Kollier Fulton	Grace Hunter, Drew Wiley,	Miah King
	Zoie Ervin	Braelyn Brennan	Sarah McBee, Taylor Yeager, Abby Seimetz, Jacob Allen, Aden Crabtree	
8:00 - 8:15 p.m.	Wrap Up and Discussion of Case 1			
8:15 p.m.	Return to Sheraton for Evening			
9:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Refreshments			Sheraton - Governor's Ballroom
	Gather in the Governors Ballroom to Hangout or play games to not disturb hotel guests.			
11:00 p.m.	In your Own Room & Quiet (curfew 11:00pm– 7:00am). Please be quiet on your way back to your room as to not disturb other guests.			
Friday, April 14, 2023				
7:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast - plated			Sheraton – Governor's Ballroom
8:30 a.m.	Officers Meeting			Bill Coordinator Table
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Joint Session of the Model Legislature & Supreme Court See legislature schedule for details			House Chambers - Sit in Balcony
10:00 a.m.	Walk to Rhodes State Office Tower			
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.	Tour of Ohio's Attorneys General Office			
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch with Judge Dan Hawkins at Franklin County Courthouse			345 S. High Street
1:30 - 1:45 p.m.	Walk as a Group to Supreme Court of Ohio			
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Tour of Ohio Supreme Court and Ohio Judicial Education Center			
3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	Walk back as a group to the Ohio Statehouse			
3:15 - 4:00 p.m.	Case #2: State of Ohio vs. Stephen Ferris			
	<u>Appellee</u>	<u>Appellant</u>	<u>Justices</u>	<u>Marshall</u>
	Miah King	Jake Allen	Sydney Fain, Cayden Hyde,	Abby Seimetz
	Aden Crabtree	Drew Wiley	Lila Roman, Kal'el Hill, Amelia Kaste, Kollier Fulton, Braelyn Brennan	
4:00 - 4:15 p.m.	Wrap Up and Discussion of Case #2			
4:15 - 4:25 p.m.	Pictures		Statehouse Steps (facing the Sheraton)	



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Case #3: Cuyahoga County Childrens Services vs. Patrick Benson				
4:30 - 5:15 p.m.	<u>Appellee</u>	<u>Appellant</u>	<u>Justices</u>	<u>Marshall</u>
	Lila Roman	Gracie Hunter	Miah King, Kollier Fulton, Kal-el Hill, Zoie Ervin, Taylor Yeager, Amelia Kaste, Sarah McBee	McKinley Morris
5:15 - 5:30 p.m. Wrap Up and Discussion of Case #3				
Case #4: Matthew Price vs. Logan County Board of Education				
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.	<u>Appellee</u>	<u>Appellant</u>	<u>Justices</u>	<u>Marshall</u>
	Amelia Kaste	Sarah McBee	Braelyn Brennan, Aden Crabtree Cayden Hyde, Lila Roman, McKinley Morris, Zoie Ervin Taylor Yeager	Kal-el Hill
6:15 - 6:30 p.m. Wrap Up and Discussion of Case #4				
6:30 - 6:45 p.m. Dinner on Your Own				
Case #5: Cuyahoga County Childrens Services vs. Patrick Benson				
7:45 - 8:30 p.m.	<u>Appellee</u>	<u>Appellant</u>	<u>Justices</u>	<u>Marshall</u>
	Kal'el Hill	Caden Hyde	Sydney Fain, Jacob Allen, Miah King, McKinley Morris, Abby Seimetz, Grace Hunter, Drew Wiley	Taylor Yeager
7:30 - 7:45 p.m. Wrap Up and Discussion of Case #5				
8:30 p.m. Return to Sheraton for Evening				
9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Governor’s Dance			Sheraton – Governor's Ballroom	
11:00 p.m. In your Own Room & Quiet (curfew 11:00pm– 7:00am). Please be quiet on your way back to your room as to not disturb other guests.				
Saturday, April 15, 2023				
7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast			Sheraton - Governor's Ballroom	
8:45 a.m. Officers, Committee Chairs & Vice Chair's Meeting			Statehouse - Bill Coordinator Table	
9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Wrap-Up and Discussion about Cases				
10:30 - 10:50 a.m. Exit Surveys Completed & Election of Chief Justice				
11:00 a.m. Joint Session of the Model Legislature & Supreme Court			House Chambers - Sit in Balcony	
See legislature schedule for details				
12:30 p.m. Adjournment				



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Section III: YLA and Youth in Government Leadership

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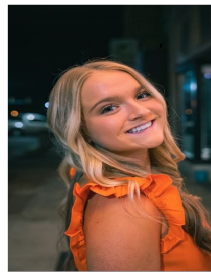
Name	Title	School
Donald O. Cruse	Governor	Jackson
Kaydee Brown	Lieutenant Governor	Jackson
McKinley Morris	Chief Justice	Jackson
Jade Winters	Speaker of the House	Jackson
Liliana Printz	President of the Senate	Calvary Christian



Donald Cruse



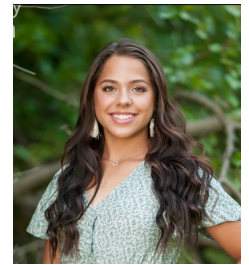
McKinley Morris



Kaydee Brown



Liliana Printz



Jade Winters

2023 Youth In Government Distinguished Guests



Mike DeWine
Governor
State of Ohio



Sharon Kennedy
Chief Justice
Ohio Supreme Court



Matt Huffman
President of the
Senate



Jason Stephens
Speaker of the
House



Colonel Charles A. Jones
Superintendent
Ohio State Highway Patrol

"I am certainly a big fan of YLA and its development of Ohio's young leaders with its programs and unique experiences. I love sharing how government works with the students that visit the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus every year."

Governor Mike DeWine
State of Ohio



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YLA Board Officers

Name	Position	Residence
David Runkle	President	Catonsville, MD
Aaron Stockmeister	Vice President	Cincinnati, OH
Lynne Crow	Secretary	Gallipolis, OH
Joe Caltrider	Treasurer	Charles Town, WV
Ben Webb	Immediate Past President	Columbus, OH

YLA Board Members

Name	Residence	Name	Residence
Matthew Bernotas	Columbus, OH	Chris Hamilton	Charleston, WV
Jared Cannon	Charleston, WV	Rachel Havas	Columbus, OH
Angie Domico-Cox	Elizabeth, WV	Riley Keaton	Spencer, WV
Tess Elshoff	New Bremen, OH	Conrad Lucas	Charleston, WV
Michael French	Columbus, OH	Sean McCabe	West Chester, OH
E. Gordon Gee	Morgantown, WV	Karen Price	Charleston, WV
Clare Gordon	Columbus, OH	Steve Volk	Milford, OH
Jessica Greathouse	South Charleston, WV		

YLA Board Members Emeritus

Name	Residence	Name	Residence
Mark Cannon	Arlington, VA	Sarah Minear	Morgantown, WV
Charles Creamer	Lebanon, OH	Gordon Thorn	Morgantown, WV
Ellen Goodwin	Morgantown, WV		

YLA Advisors

THANK YOU to our local YLA Advisors who guide, mentor, encourage, and challenge our YLA teens to learn, grow, and make differences for good.

Participation in YLA Youth in Government as well as all YLA programs is possible because of their efforts.



Section IV: Leadership and Award Recipient History

Youth in Government Leadership History

Year	State Chairman	Executive Director	Youth Chief Justice	Youth Governor
1952	C. William O'Neill	James M. Williams		Mike Lewis
1953	C. William O'Neill	James M. Williams		Walt Gundel
1954	C. William O'Neill	James M. Williams		Charles Collings
1955	C. William O'Neill	James M. Williams		Joe Sheridan
1956	C. William O'Neill	James M. Williams		John Rainbolt
1957	C. William O'Neill	James M. Williams		Sudie Duncan
1958	C. William O'Neill	James M. Williams		Stephen Geckeler
1959	C. William O'Neill	James M. Williams		John Muster
1960	C. William O'Neill	James M. Williams		William Rose
1961	C. William O'Neill	James M. Williams		James Demarco
1962	C. William O'Neill	James M. Williams		William Torchia
1963	C. William O'Neill	James M. Williams		Tim Dix
1964	C. William O'Neill	Bruno J. Ottavi		Jack Riley
1965	C. William O'Neill	Bruno J. Ottavi	George Dykstra	David Long
1966	C. William O'Neill	Bruno J. Ottavi		Thaddeus Garrett, Jr.
1967	C. William O'Neill	Frank A. Williams	Dan Cassity	James Crawford
1968	C. William O'Neill	Frank A. Williams	David Williams	Stephen Salyer
1969	C. William O'Neill	Frank A. Williams	Gregory Hogan	David Suddendorf
1970	C. William O'Neill	Frank A. Williams	James McFadden	Levern Crosby, Jr.
1971	C. William O'Neill	David L. King	Dale Zimmer	Larry Meinert
1972	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Bill Junk, Jr.	Donald Leach, Jr.
1973	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	J. Mike Dominco	Robert Harnish
1974	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	David Mustine	Angie Ellis
1975	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Bob Kepple	Barbara Brown
1976	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Timothy O'Flynn	Richard Redman
1977	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	John Walker	Terri Pancoast
1978	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	John Thompson	Charles Hattemer
1979	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Mia Tee	Nancy Reese
1980	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Paul Burnside	Robert Waldock
1981	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Hal Barron	Ana Hogrefe
1982	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Timothy Rathbun	Rob Hoelscher
1983	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Dana Hehrer	Shelly Miller
1984	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Jodi Rathbun	Christopher Wolff
1985	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Jodi Rathbun	Earl Smith
1986	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Danielle Perkins	Sandra Grady
1987	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Michael O'Reilly	Susan Wright
1988	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Shane Dawson	Julie Miller
1989	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Doug Pennington	T.D. Pollard
1990	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Shalini Gupta	Greg Gelting



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Youth in Government Leadership History (continued)

Year	State Chairman	Executive Director	Youth Chief Justice	Youth Governor
1992	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Bryan Ramos	John Goodman
1993	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	April Bowling	Douglas Miller
1994	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Betsy Cameron	Peter Halvorsen
1995	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Duane Bolick	Amanda Deerpake
1996	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Jason Hughes	Sami Jae Grimes
1997	Oliver Ocasek	David L. King	Meghan Mitchell	Sheila McCombs
1998	Ben Rose	David L. King	Bridget Phillips	Stephen Hightower, II
1999	Ben Rose	David L. King	Alissa Ross	Melissa Mosko
2000	Ben Rose	David L. King	Samantha Cowne	Craig Klonowski
2001	Ben Rose	David L. King	Jamia Lewis	Patrick Matheny
2002	Ben Rose	David L. King	Andy Bartlett	Jesiah Brock
2003	Doug White	David L. King	Peter Corcoran	Drew Armstrong
2004	Doug White	David L. King	Michael McDermott	Peter Corcoran
2005	Jim Petro	David L. King	Lauren Dalton	Caroline DuWors
2006	Jim Petro	David L. King	Lauren Dalton	Collin Johnson
2007	Jon Husted	David L. King	Sandra Rittman	Myles Holt
2008	Jon Husted	David L. King	Joseph Cunningham	Erin Bittner
2009	Bill Harris	David L. King	Patrick Moloney	Sara Sohn
2010	Bill Harris	David L. King	Amber Cunningham	Katie Martin
2011	Thomas E. Niehaus & William G. Batchelder	David L. King	Robert Marshall	Andrew Naab
2012	Thomas E. Niehaus & William G. Batchelder	Lois Nelson	Abbey Larson	Zach Zugelder
2013	Keith Faber & William G. Batchelder	David L. King	Robby Steck	Timothy M. Barbera
2014	Keith Faber & William G. Batchelder	Thomas Starr	Robby Steck	Emily Balzer
2015	Keith Faber & Cliff Rosenberger	Thomas Starr	Bryon Lord	Alex Tobin
2016	Keith Faber & Cliff Rosenberger	Thomas Starr	Nicholas Weaver	Lindsey Polcyn
2017	Larry Obhof & Cliff Rosenberger	Thomas Starr	Reed Allen	Lindsey Chapman
2018	Larry Obhof & Cliff Rosenberger	David Runkle	Molly Moore	Anne Tobin
2019	Larry Obhof	Chandler Grooms	Kade McClelland	Tyler Smith
2020	Larry Obhof & Larry Householder	David Cooper	Sarah Davison	Ali Winter
2021	Matt Huffman & Robert Cupp	David Cooper	Sarah Bowman	Kylie DeFoy
2022	Matt Huffman & Robert Cupp	David Cooper	Alex Jolly	Kaltra Woltz



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Waldock Performance Award Recipients

Year	Recipient	Year	Recipient	Year	Recipient
1981	Tracy Miller	1995	Teresa Barr	2009	Sarah Craycraft
1982	Rob Hoelscher	1996	Jeremy Blake	2010	Erin Mizer
1983	Katrina Miller	1997	Grant Walters	2011	Andrew Naab
1984	Laura Grant	1998	Jamie Fout	2012	Zach Zugelder
1985	Dave Biederman	1999	Lori Marshall	2013	Sarah Nestor
1986	Lisa Stillwell	2000	Lily Vu	2014	Carly Polcyn
1987	Malachi Goodwin	2001	Audrey Johnson	2015	Zach Kauffman
1988	Harold Glenn	2002	Caitlin Quance	2016	Christian Stepp
1989	Darcy Mehling	2003	Andrea Cuny	2017	Lindsey Chapman
1990	Howard Marotto	2004	Clay Brett	2018	Mia Printz
1991	Melissa Ward	2005	Sirena Robinson	2019	Emma Stroth
1992	Jennifer Buechler	2006	Collin Johnson	2020	Zeke Lloyd
1993	Chris Bridges	2007	Jed Cooper	2021	Madison Adkins
1994	Julie Dupps	2008	Nathan Ochsenbein	2022	Lauren Clagg

YLA Mission and Vision

YLA's Mission

We believe that helping youth achieve their full potential is our primary mission. We seek to help youth develop leadership and citizenship skills for a lifelong commitment to service through character building programs for all that strengthen spirit, mind, and body.

YLA's Vision

People with a YLA experience will be in every community helping to create better futures for all.



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Distinguished Service Award Recipients

Year	Recipient	Year	Recipient
1953	C. William O'Neill	1990	Thomas J. Moyer
1954	Frank J. Lausche	1991	Andrew C. Brethauer
1955	William H. Eells	1992	Donald Roberts
1956	Dr. Howard Bevis	1993	Karen Yeager
1957	Carl V. Weygandt	1994	Dick Vogt
1958	Carl Guess	1995	David King
1959	Jesse Yoder	1996	Michael J. Price
1960	Kline Roberts	1997	Keith H. Brooks
1961	James M. Williams	1998	Al Covelli
1962	Oliver Ocasek	1999	Oliver Ocasek
1963	Harry Corkwell	2000	Joann Davidson
1965	Richard Grinstead	2001	Richard Finan
1966	John W. Brown	2002	Priscilla Mead
1967	Ted W. Brown	2003	Carolyn Towner
1968	Kingsley Taft	2004	Bob Blazer
1969	Al Deiss	2005	Charlie Creamer
1972	Dr. Martin Essex	2006	Bill Napier
1973	Charles Fry	2007	Mark Cannon
1974	Henry O'Neill, Jr.	2008	Bill Morgan
			Denise Armstrong, Bob Eisnaugle, Theresa Mulligan, Rogena Stargel, Denise Stieritz
1975	William McDonald	2009	Denise Stieritz
1976	C. William O'Neill	2010	John King
			Ge Volunteers And Ge Aviation Peebles Test Operation
1976	Sen. Oliver Ocasek	2011	Ge Volunteers And Ge Aviation Peebles Test Operation
1977	Richard Celeste	2012	Thomas E. Niehaus
1978	Martin Hecht	2013	William G. Batchelder
1979	James Nesbitt	2014	David Daniels
1980	John Mahaney	2015	Vincent Keeran
1981	Robert Berger	2015	Brad Young
1982	Robert H. Atkinson	2016	John & Annie Glenn
1983	Dr. Franklin B. Walter	2017	Robert R. Cupp,
1984	Donald B. Leach, Jr.	2017	Howard F. Wise
1985	Ben Rose	2018	Cliff Rosenberger
1986	Robert L. Reed	2019	Bob Peterson
1987	Anthony J. Celebreeze, Jr.	2020	Mike DeWine
1988	Bertram Gardner	2021	Steve Evans
1989	Stephen Eibling	2022	Robert Waldock

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