Award
John C. MacQueen Lecture Award
Description
In 1988, AMCHP established an annual lectureship to honor one of its most distinguished members, John C. MacQueen, the former director of the Iowa Child Health Specialty Clinics, the state's program for Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN). A pediatric neurologist, John C. MacQueen, has achieved success at the state and national levels. As an administrator and clinician, advocate, innovator, and educator, Dr. MacQueen made his presence felt throughout the country through his tireless work on behalf of children with special health care needs. The Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs takes special pride in Dr. MacQueen's accomplishments that have advanced family health programs. They include 30 years as a CSHCN state director; leadership as vice-chair of the Congressional Select Panel for the Promotion of Child Health; membership on the Advisory Panel on Technology and Child Health, Congressional Office of Technology Assessment; contributions to the Maternal and Child Health Bureau and to the Surgeon General's workshops; and advocacy for Title V. Dr. MacQueen died in September 2009. He retired from the University of Iowa as director of the National Maternal and Child Health Resource Center. He was also an emeritus professor of Pediatrics at the University's College of Medicine and served as associate dean of the College of Medicine. In honor of Dr. MacQueen, this award and lectureship continue to recognize innovation in the field by honoring an individual who has made an exemplary contribution to maternal and child health issues.
Criteria
Nominees for the John C. MacQueen Lecture Award must meet the following criteria: ▪ Candidate is a major contributor to the field of MCH through innovative and creative approaches to addressing maternal and child health challenges and opportunities. ▪ Candidate is a strong and visible national and state advocate on behalf of the MCH community. ▪ Candidate focuses their work on/around the establishment and maintenance of healthy communities with a focus on the health and well-being of women, infants, children, youth, and families. ▪ Candidate can deliver a dynamic and inspirational lecture to the MCH community via video recording. ▪ Candidate is not a current, active member of the AMCHP Board of Directors or Staff.
Selection Process
One award will be made annually from a pool of nominations solicited nationwide. AMCHP will issue a call for award nominations via AMCHP Pulse, Member Briefs, the AMCHP website, and blast emails to all AMCHP contacts approximately six months prior to the Annual Conference. Nominations will close and all materials must be submitted approximately five months prior to the Annual Conference. The Governance Committee reviews all nominations and submits a single recommendation for consideration by the Board of Directors. Nominees are notified of the final status of their submission approximately three months prior to the Annual Conference. The John C. MacQueen Lecture Award is awarded during the AMCHP Annual Conference. This award may not be awarded annually.
Special Travel Funding
The awardee will receive full conference registration (in person). This award does not currently cover travel to attend the AMCHP Conference to accept the award in person.

Prior Awardees

2026	Wendy Elizabeth Barrington
2025	Xaviera Bell, MS, PFP, cHET, CD, CLE
2024	Okunsola M. Amadou, TM, CPM, CD, CLC
2023	Fleda Mask Jackson, PhD MS
2022	Dr. Ndidiamaka Amutah-Onukagha, PhD, MPH, CHES
2021	Sunah Susan Hwang, MD, MPH, PhD
2020	Nancy Byatt, DO, MBA, MS
2019	Donna Petersen, ScD, MHS, CPH
2018	Richard Antonelli, MD, MS
2017	Christina Bethell, PhD MBA MPH
2016	Bill Sappenfield, MD MPH
2015	Russell Kirby, PhD MS
2014	Sen. Tom Harkin
2013	Ruth Lubic, CNM, EdD and Linda Randolph, MD, MPH
2012	Gail Christopher, DN
2011	Kathryn Hall Trujillo
2010	Sara Rosenbaum, JD
2009	Magda Peck, ScD
2008	Victor Sidel, MD
2007	Jonathan Kotch, MD
2006	Edward Schor, MD
2005	Marian Wright Edelman
2004	Richard Aronson, MD MPH
2003	Greg Alexander, ScD MPH RS
2002	Phyllis Magrab, PhD
2001	Claire Brindis, DrPH
2000	Doris Barnett, ACSW
1999	Judith Igoe, RN FAAN
1998	Susan Aronson, MD FAAP
1997	Family Voices
1996	Merle McPherson, MD MPH
1995	C. Everett Koop, MD
1994	Sarah Brown, MPH
1993	Charles Mahan, MD
1992	Vince Hutchins, MD MPH
1991	C. Arden Miller, MD
1990	Antoinette P. Eaton, MD
1989	Edward Lis, MD
1988	Robert Haggerty, MD