

# Danzan Ryu Organization Awards

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These special awards are presented by the different organizations to their members and others in the Danzan Ryu community for their contributions to the preservation and promotion of the teachings of Professor Henry S. Okazaki and his system of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu.

## American Judo & Jujitsu Federation

- The *Professor Bert Aspinal Award* is awarded to an AJJF member, below the rank and title of Professor, who has given an inordinate amount of himself or herself in the support of the AJJF.
  - 1988 Barbara Gessner
  - 1989 Carl Dozier
  - 1990 Vern Brekke
  - 1991 Jan Ball
  - 1992 Brian Fenne
  - 1993 Roy Lonnberg
  - 1994 Tanja Brekke
  - 1995 Rich and Nancy Young
  - 1996 Patricia Rebmann
  - 1997 Betty Fisher
  - 1998 Edward Shatzen
  - 1999 Loretta Silvagni
  - 2000 Bob Karnes
  - 2001 Randy Schuster
  - 2002 Matt Bigham
  - 2003 Cynthia Frueh
  - 2004 Tom Ryan
  - 2005 Hillary Kaplowitz
  - 2006 Robert Hodgkin
  - 2007 Pete St. Pierre
  - 2008 Nerissa Freeman
  - 2009 Katie "Murph" Stevens
  - 2010 Monica Villanueva
  - 2011 Dominic Beltrami
  - 2012 Greg Portetz
  - 2013 Kevin Colton
  - 2014 Steve Balzac
  - 2015 Steve Balzac
  - 2018 Patrick Hedgepath
  
- The *Professor John Cahill Award* is awarded to the person showing a commitment to excellence, sportsmanship and representing the qualities and ideals of the AJJF such as Ohana and Kokua.

- 2006 Geoff Lane
  - 2007 Michelle Lindstrom
  - 2008 Bridget Wilson
  - 2009 Nerissa Freeman
  - 2010 David Martinez
  - 2011 Tom Nibert
  - 2012 Ward Melenich
  - 2013 Mark Crooks JR.
  - 2014 Jered Hallstrum
  - 2015 Jordan Uggla
  - 2016 Michael Thompson
  - 2017 John Pfund
- The Professor Bud Estes Award is awarded to the person committed to the betterment and perpetuation of the AJJF and Danzan Ryu.
    - 2006 Ed Shatzen
    - 2007 Nancy Bigham
    - 2008 Frank Ferris
    - 2009 Robert Hudson
    - 2010 Tom Jenkins
    - 2011 Cynthia Frueh
    - 2012 Jane Carr
    - 2013 Gerry Halligan
    - 2014 Kerry Segó
    - 2015 Gregory Poretz
    - 2016 Tom Ball
    - 2017 Dennis Estes
- The Professor Ray Law Award is awarded to the person creating, supporting and/or commitment to youth programs of the AJJF.
    - 2006 Jose Ortiz
    - 2007 Randy Schuster
    - 2008 Jess Green
    - 2009 Sheryl Hager
    - 2010 Larry Carter
    - 2011 Ashley Rebmán
    - 2012 Barb Gessner
    - 2013 Keith Pollak
    - 2014 Filberto Gutierrez
    - 2015 Troy Shehorn
    - 2016 Anton Miller
    - 2017 John Pfund
- The Professor Dick Rickerts Award is awarded to the person dedicated to building the foundation of our Federation; that is the students, from Kyu to Dan ranks; teaching the Ryu and facilitating the development character through patience, tolerance, tenacity, energy, enthusiasm, compassion, and by setting the examples as a mentor.
    - 2006 Robert Seiler

- 2007 Gerry Halligan
- 2008 Frank Ferris
- 2009 Richard Howell
- 2010 Katie “Murph” Stevens
- 2011 Robbin Miller
- 2012 Greg Poretz
- 2013 Kevin Colton
- 2014 Hillary Kaplowitz
- 2015 Kimo Williams
- 2016 Nerissa Freeman
- 2017 Scott Redden

## Jujitsu America

- The *American Jujitsu Hall of Fame* is selected annually by the Council of Professors. The award is given to an individual who is not a member of Jujitsu American. It is an award for one who is recognized for their years of contributions to Jujitsu and Martial Arts.
  - 1986 Antonio Periera  
Florendo Visitacion  
Juan Gomez
  - 1987 Antone Gonzales  
Dennis Palumbo  
Michael DePasquale Sr.
  - 1988 Jonathan Stewart
  - 1989 William Montero
  - 1990 George Kirby
  - 1991 William Ah Moo
  - 1992 Rorion Gracie
  - 1993 Mike Chubb
  - 1994 Moses Powell
  - 1995 Pete Siringano Sr.
  - 1996 Helio Gracie  
Francisco Limbago
  - 1997 Jack Wheat
  - 1998 Michael DePasquale Jr.
  - 1999 No Award
  - 2000 Danny Saragosa
  - 2001 Bill Beach
  - 2002 Pat Browne
  - 2003 Don Montero
  - 2004 Thomas J. Oh  
Gigi Oh
  - 2005 William Fischer
  - 2006 Vinson Holck
  - 2007 David Sklar
  - 2015 Sam Luke
  - 2016 Nilolay Vasilyev
  - 2017 Hans Ingebresten
  - 2018 Johnny Oh

- Instructor of the Year is selected by the Standards Board. This is given to an individual who is a member of Jujitsu America to recognize them as an Instructor of Jujitsu to promote jujitsu to the martial arts world.
  - 1979 Wally Jay  
John Chow-Hoon  
Willy Cahill  
Jim Nieto
  - 1980 James Muro
  - 1981 Boyd Low  
Lee Eichelberger
  - 1982 James Powers
  - 1983 David Castoldi
  - 1984 Gilbert Tenio
  - 1985 David Fairfield
  - 1986 Juan Eliab
  - 1987 Duwayne McCraney
  - 1988 James Burgess
  - 1989 Richard Bunch
  - 1990 Rudolph Aguilar  
Gerald McKenzie
  - 1991 Tony Maynard  
David Summer
  - 1992 Michael Belzer
  - 1993 Ed Melaugh
  - 1994 Scott Merrill  
Janice Okamoto
  - 1995 Carol Harris
  - 1996 Ron Jennings  
Laura Welch
  - 1997 Ernie Boggs
  - 1998 Sheldon Marr
  - 1999 Joe DeBattista  
Al Ikemoto
  - 2000 Eric Renner  
Bijay Singh
  - 2001 Joe Souza
  - 2002 David Jennings
  - 2003 Chris Peterson
  - 2004 Rick Robinson
  - 2005 Michael Blackburn
  - 2006 Jamie Dyson
  - 2007 Steven Menasche
  - 2008 Tony DeBattista
  - 2009 Louis Mang
  - 2010 Daniele Ruocco
  - 2011 Grant Campbell  
Bob Parksion
  - 2012 Michael Castoldi
  - 2013 Carla Bunch  
Shane Thompson
  - 2014 Earl DaValle
  - 2015 Charles Mosqueda  
Scott Franke

- 2015 Chris Ritchie
  - 2017 Derek Baure
  - 2018 James Oh  
Robert Stines
- *Patriarch Award* is selected annually by the Council of Professors. The Award is given to a person who has proven to have gone above and beyond others in Martial Arts as a true patriarch.
    - 1990 John Cahill
    - 1991 Juan Gomez
    - 1992 Antone Gonzales
    - 1993 Sig Kufferath
    - 1994 Kenneth Kawachi
    - 1995 Stephen Byzek
    - 1996 Carl Beaver
    - 1997 Bud Estes
    - 1998 Jack Wheat
    - 1999 James DeMile
    - 2000 Sig Kufferath
    - 2001 John Chow-Hoon
    - 2002 Joe Halbuna
    - 2003 Ming Lum
    - 2004 Joe Holck
    - 2005 Wally Jay
    - 2006 Willy Cahill
    - 2007 David Castoldi
    - 2008 Jim Powers
    - 2009 No Award
    - 2010 Joe Souza
    - 2011 Lee Eichelberger
    - 2012 Joe Holck
    - 2013 Toy Maynard
    - 2014 Duwane McCaney

### **Kilohana Martial Arts Association**

- The *Kilohana Legend Award* is given to martial artists of senior rank and status who stand out amongst their peers and time and is voted on by the Kilohana Standards and Executive Board.
  - 1999 Sig Kufferath  
Wally Jay  
Jack Wheat  
Bing Fai Lau  
Walter Todd  
Helen Carollo  
Mike Inay
  - 2000 Willy Cahill  
Joe Halbuna  
Kimo Hatchie

- Joe Holck
  - Ming Lum
- 2001 Bill Costa  
Olohe Solomon Kaihewalu  
Al Novak  
Libert O'Sullivan
- 2002 Jack Carter  
John Chow-Hoon  
Bill Montero  
Max Togisala
- 2003 Gini Lau  
Carlos Navarro
- 2004 No Award
- 2005 No Award
- 2006 Charlie Robinson  
Bernice Jay
- 2007 Pauline Chow-Hoon
- 2008 Jin Lizumi
- 2009 Charles Gaylord
- 2010 David Leung  
Tom Jenkins  
Al Ikemoto
- 2011 Bernice Jay  
Ralph Castro
- 2012 Graciela Casillas
- 2013 Rory Rebmann  
Mike Chubb  
Larry Nolte
- 2014 Lee Eichelberger
- 2015 Bob Mashmeier  
Dale Kahoun
- 2016 Bill Randle
- 2017 Jane Carr
- 2018 Soke Frank Sanchez  
Harold Horiuchi  
Jim Penington

- The *Kilohana Ohana Award* is given in recognition of selfless dedication and service to the Kilohana Martial Arts Association

- 1999 Dale Kahoun  
Jerry Donnard  
Ron Guditus  
Kimo Hatchie  
Lyle Ho  
Bobby Santana  
Susan McDonald  
Leslee Kufferath  
Claudia Peterson
- 2000 Phil Howard  
Evelyn Howard  
Jack Carter  
Imi Okazaki-Mullins  
Bernice Jay

- 2001 Bill Millar  
Scott Sawyer  
Noah Harders  
Thomas Oh  
Andy Ching
  - 2002 Debbie Guditus  
Jorin Bukosky  
Ron Keaton Jr.
  - 2003 Jill Pietrelli  
Sherry Hope-Kennedy
  - 2004 No Award
  - 2005 No Award
  - 2006 Gina Rossi  
Mike Kirsch
  - 2007 Gwendolyn Brookes
  - 2008 Benjamin Lujan
  - 2009 Kathy Verbera  
Bruce Raney  
Ella Raney
  - 2010 Helen Sassone  
Brian Sassone
  - 2011 Rowdy Hall  
Lucas Lineback
  - 2012 Robert McKean
  - 2013 William Fischer  
Miguel Jurna
  - 2014 Chris Nicholas
  - 2015 Mike Esmailzadeh
  - 2018 Kevin Colton
- The *Kilohana Sig Kufferath Award* is given to an individual who embodies Professor Kufferath's dedication to their art.
    - 2000 Annette Kahoun
    - 2001 Rebecca Wong
    - 2002 Richard Pietrelli
    - 2003 Mark Wald
    - 2004 No Award
    - 2005 No Award
    - 2006 Stephen Nicholls
    - 2007 Scott Merrill
    - 2008 Kate DeMoss
    - 2009 Bob Wells
    - 2010 Hans Ingebretsen
    - 2011 Dale Kahoun
    - 2012 James Muro
    - 2013 Rowdy Hall
    - 2014 Mike Esmailzadeh
    - 2015 Russ Rhodes
    - 2016 Eddie Gearhart
    - 2017 Kevin Colton
    - 2018 Tim Harris  
Chris Peterson

- The *Kilohana Instructor of the Year Award* is given to an up and coming instructor who has demonstrated dedication to propagating their arts, moral integrity, outstanding technical knowledge, and support of Kilohana events.
  - 2003 Stephen Nicholls
  - 2009 Matt Olson
  - 2010 Eddie Gearhart
  - 2011 Ben Lujan
  - 2012 Dominic Beltrami
  - 2013 Chris Nicholas  
Tim Harris
  - 2014 Mike Tucker  
Gina Rossi
  - 2015 Mike Tucker

### **Pacific Jujitsu Alliance**

- Distinguished Service Award: Awarded to the Danzan Ryu Jujitsu practitioner/martial artist who, through his actions, has distinguished themselves by exceptional service to the community or their fellow martial artists, which reflects credit upon the highest traditions of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu as set forth by Master Henry S. Okazaki and Professor William Montero Sr.
  - 2014 Robert Kunkel Jr.
  - 2016 Sr. Professor Sam Luke
- Special Service Award: Awarded to a non-Danzan Ryu Jujitsu practitioner/martial artist who has made significant contributions to the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance or the Danzan Ryu community as a whole, which reflects credit upon the highest traditions of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu as set forth by Master Henry S. Okazaki and Professor William Montero Sr.
  - 2014 Ernie DeMoss

### **Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai**

- Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame. In 1991, Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai created the Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame to honor those individuals, living and deceased, who have made significant contributions to Professor Okazaki's system. Inductees into the Hall of Fame are selected without regard to organizational affiliation, rank, or title.
  - 1991 Juan Gomez
  - 1992 Carl Beaver  
John Cahill  
Anton Gonzales  
Jack Wheat
  - 1993 Wally Jay  
Richard Rickerts
  - 1994 William Ah Moo  
Stephen Byzek  
Sam S. Luke
  - 1995 Sig Kufferath



- Ray Law
- William Randle
- 1996 Willy Cahill
- Francisco Limbago
- Charles Wagner
- 1997 Marion Anderson
- Emil "Curly" Freedman
- 1998 Not Awarded
- 1999 Bill Beach
- Bing Fai Lau
- 2000 Bud Estes
- Lamar Fisher
- 2001 Joe Holck
- Bill Montero
- 2002 Pat Browne
- Sam C. Luke
- Norm Carl Nelson
- 2003 Ramon "Lono" Ancho Jr.
- John Congistre
- Bernice Jay
- 2004 Jane Carr
- Mike Chubb
- James Marcinkus
- 2005 Roy Center
- Carl DeDoit
- Lee Eichelberger
- William Fischer
- 2006 David Nuuhiwa
- Bert Aspinal
- 2007 No Award
- 2008 Imi Okazaki-Mullins
- 2009 Joe Souza
- Daniel Saragosa
- 2010 Rory Rebmann
- Ester Azumi Takamoto
- 2011 Leibert O'Sullivan
- 2012 Thomas Jenkins
- Mel Cansibog
- 2013 Larry Nolte
- Russ Coelho
- 2014 Robert Krull
- Harold Akira Horiuchi
- 2015 Vinson Holck
- 2016 Roy Holck
- 2017 Amy Holck
- 2018 Janice Okamoto

- The *Luciani Service Award* is named in honor of Donald Luciani: student, teacher, scoutmaster, devoted father, and loving husband. It is presented annually to the person who best exemplifies those qualities which have endeared his memory to those who loved him: integrity, honesty, loyalty, faithfulness, and humility.

- 1988 William Fischer
- 1989 James DeHaven

- 1990 Clyde Zimmerman
  - 1991 Patricia Chubb
  - 1992 Rick L. DeHaven
  - 1993 Roy Center
  - 1994 Carl P. Beaver
  - 1995 Ricar Charlebois
  - 1996 Roger Medlen
  - 1997 Owen Gallagher
  - 1998 William Fischer
  - 1999 Clyde Zimmerman
  - 2000 Owen Gallagher
  - 2001 Peter Zukowski
  - 2002 Mike LaMarche
  - 2003 Roger Medlen
  - 2004 Jon Jacques
  - 2005 Barry Posner
  - 2006 Steve McMillian
  - 2007 Carlos Gallegos
  - 2008 Kevin Dalrymple
  - 2009 No Award
  - 2010 Jon Jacques
  - 2011 Bryan Stanley
  - 2012 Christopher Chubb
  - 2013 Robert McKean
  - 2014 Len Riley
  - 2015 Michael Whitaker
  - 2016 Denzel Mooney
- The *Instructor of the Year Award* is established to recognize those instructors within the yudanshakai for their achievements as a sensei, their dedication to their students and programs, and their example to their fellow instructors.
    - 1991 Richar Chariebois
    - 1992 Rick DeHaven
    - 1993 Bryan Stanley
    - 1994 Len Riley
    - 1995 Kevin Dalrymple
    - 1996 Raymundo Suarez
    - 1997 H. Bruce Stokes
    - 1998 No Award
    - 1999 Stephen McMillian
    - 2000 Joe Ristrom
    - 2001 Rory Rebmann
    - 2002 Jon Jacques
    - 2003 No Award
    - 2004 Edward Bederov
    - 2005 Mike Whitaker
    - 2006 Carlos Gallegos
    - 2007 Tom Borr
    - 2008 Donn Hearn
    - 2009 No Award
    - 2010 Maureen Browne
    - 2011 Randy Carrasco

- 2012 David Williams
  - 2014 Dave Wojick
  - 2015 Dan Kveen
  - 2016 Dale Evola
  - 2017 Remi Pintang
- The *Lamplighter Award* is established to recognize the person within the martial arts community, although not necessarily within the yudanshakai or the Danzan Ryu System, whose life, efforts, and dedication best exemplify the Esoteric Principles of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki.
    - 1991 Charles Lee
    - 1992 Zane Graham
    - 1993 Douglas Scheid
    - 1994 David Nuuhiwa
    - 1995 Carlos Gallegos
    - 1996 Daniel Saragosa
    - 1997 Toru Tanka
    - 1998 No Award
    - 1999 Mark Ramsey
    - 2000 David B. Chubb
    - 2001 Bud Collyer
    - 2002 Lyle Ho
    - 2003 Teresa Dickerson
    - 2004 Joe Carslake
    - 2005 James Keltner  
Barry Posner
    - 2006 Gene Mauro
    - 2007 Fumio Demura
    - 2008 Oloha Solomon Kaihewalu
    - 2009 John Chow Hoon
    - 2010 Stephen Graystone
    - 2011 David Parker
    - 2012 Barry Holck
    - 2014 Gary Jones
    - 2015 Eric Takushi
    - 2016 David Heacock
    - 2017 Joe Ristron
- The *Professor Francisco Limbago Spirit of Kokua Award* is established to recognize a person for his selfless contributions to the Danzan Ryu community, and emulation of the spirit of Professor Francisco Limbago of Hawaii, who during his life raised the concepts of amiability, mutual cooperation, and lifetime service to a high art as an example for others to follow.
    - 2005 Vinson Holck
    - 2006 Hans Ingebretsen
    - 2007 Douglas Kiehl
    - 2008 No Award
    - 2009 No Award



#1	Prof. Sig Kufferath	March 26, 2011
#2	Prof. Joe Holck	March 26, 2011
#3	Prof. Libert O'Sullivan	March 26, 2011
#4	Prof. Wally Jay	March 26, 2011
#5	Hanshi Ronnie Colwell	March 26, 2011
#6	Prof. Willy Cahill	June 18, 2011
#7	Hanshi Jim Mather	June 15, 2011
#8	Prof. John Chow Hoon	November 12, 2011
#9	Prof. Russ Cohelo	November 12, 2016
#10	Shihan Russ Rhodes	November 12, 2016
#11	Prof. Hans Ingebretsen	November 12, 2016
#12	Prof. Dale Kahoun	November 12, 2016
#13	Prof. James Muro	November 12, 2016
#14	Prof. Bob McKean	November 12, 2016
#15	Prof. Chris Nicholas	November 12, 2016
#16	Prof. Rowdy Hall	November 12, 2016
#17	Prof. Richard Bunch	November 12, 2016
#18	Prof. Tom Jenkins	November 12, 2016
#19	Prof. Al Ikemoto	November 12, 2016
#20	Prof. Mike Esmailzadeh	November 12, 2016
#21	Olohe Solomon Kaihewalu	November 12, 2016
#22	Hanshi Bruce Jucknik	October 1, 2016