

## **Mondale Award for Japan-Minnesota Partnership**

### **The award was named after Joan and Walter Mondale**

Every year, the Japan America Society of Minnesota presents the Mondale Award for Japan-Minnesota Partnership to an individual or organization that has been nominated by the membership and selected by a committee of the Board of Directors. Purpose: The Mondale Award for Japan-Minnesota Partnership is presented by JASM to recognize outstanding contributions to the building of understanding, cooperation and respect between the people of Japan and Minnesota.

Criteria: This award will be presented annually to the individual or organization based in Japan or Minnesota who has met one or more of the following criteria.

- Made a lifetime contribution to the Japan-Minnesota relationship through a variety of activities, projects and initiatives
- Provided leadership in a pivotal project which accelerated significant public awareness of Japan and/or Minnesota in the reciprocal region
- Played a crucial role in developing a lasting partnership or relationship between Japan and Minnesota
- Served as an official representative in fostering closer ties between Japan and the United States.

#### Recipients of the Mondale Award for Japan-Minnesota Partnership:

2021 Sarah Walbert  
2020 Bill Deef  
2019 Patricia Katagiri  
2018 Linda Hashimoto van Dooijeweert  
2017 Mirja Hanson  
2016 Stanisław Skrowaczewski & Yoko Breckenridge  
2015 Mathew Welch  
2014 Warren MacKenzie  
2013 Yoshie Babcock  
2012 Inkie Brons  
2011 Takuzo Ishida  
2010 Dean and Masako Potter  
2009 Shirley E. Huskins and Charles J. Graham  
2008 Chris Rossow  
2007 Hiroshi Yamashita  
2006 KCC – Japan Education Exchange  
2005 Saint Paul-Nagasaki Sister City Committee  
2004 Diane and Evan Williams  
2003 Kimi Hara  
2002 Edson and Harriet Spencer  
2001 Minnesota International Center  
2000 Ruth Tanbara  
1999 Akiko Sako  
1998 N.L. (Neal) Gault, Jr., MD  
1997 Joan and Walter Mondale