

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:

2022 Gayle and Judith Fleming
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