

Awards (Present-1995)

“Child Advocate Award,” Wolfson Children’s Hospital, 2022

“Believing in Girls” Award, Pace Center for Girls, 2022

Audrey Lincourt Schiebler Award for Excellence in Child Abuse Advocacy, Baptist Medical Center, 2022

FLC Legislative Appreciation Award, Florida Association for Intergovernmental Relations, 2021

Epilepsy Florida Lifetime Achievement Award, Epilepsy Florida, 2021

Legislative Appreciation Award, Small County Coalition, 2021

Wodke Award, Child Abuse Prevention Centers, 2021

Legislative Champion Award, Florida Nurses Association, 2021

Champion of Life Award, Pregnancy Support Centers in the State of Florida, 2020

Legislative Service Award, Champion of Dentistry Award, Florida Dental Association, 2020

“Dr. Lewis Earle Legislative Service” Award, Florida Dental Association, 2020

iVoter Guide Walk the Talk Award, iVoter Guide, National Level Award, 2020

Outstanding Partner Award, Consortium of Florida Education Foundations, 2020

Daniel Webster Leadership Award, Healthy Families Florida, 2020

JU Class of 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award of Excellence, Jacksonville University, 2020

Friend of the Fair, Northeast Florida Fair Association, 2020

Outstanding Partner Award, Florida Education Foundations, 2020

Regional Leadership Award, Northeast Florida Regional Council, 2019

Florida Network Award, For Friends in the Legislature, 2019

Small Counties Coalition Award, Small County Coalition, 2019

AARP FL Rx Price Fighter Award, AARP, 2019

Children Advocate Award, Florida Associations of Children’s Hospitals, 2019

Legislative Appreciation Award, Florida Network, 2019

Believing in Girls Award, PACE Center for Girls, 2019

FL Chamber Honor Roll Award, Florida Chamber, 2019

Friend of the Sheriff Award, Nassau County Sherriff's Office, 2019

Champion for Elderly Award, Florida Health Care Association, 2019

Champions for Children Award, Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Florida, 2019

League of Cities Legislative Appreciation Award, Northeast Florida League of Cities, 2019

FL Blue Key Award, University of Florida, 2019

Champion of Heart Award, Epilepsy Florida, 2019

Legislator of Year Award, Florida Apartment Association, 2019

Legislator of the Year Award, Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, 2019

Honor Roll Award, Florida Chamber Political Institute, 2018

Legislator of the Year Award, Florida Dental Association, 2018

Friend of the Industry Award, First Coast Apartment Association, 2018

Legislator of the Year Award, Guardian ad Litem, 2018

Delores Barr Weaver Elder Advocate Award, ElderSource, 2018

Child Advocate of Year Award, Northeast Florida Pediatric Society, 2017

Believing in Girls Award, PACE Center for Girls Jacksonville, 2017

Distinguished Alumni Award, Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida, 2017

Legislator of the Year, Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, 2017

Champion of the Family Award, Florida Family Policy Council, 2017

Distinguished Advocate, Florida Chamber of Commerce, 2014, 2015, 2016

Champion for Child Safety, The Monique Burr Foundation, 2016

Dr. Frances Bartlett Kinne Distinguished Dolphin of Service Award, Jacksonville University, 2016

Legislative Champion Award, Boys & Girls Club, 2016

Legislator of the Year, Florida Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, 2016

Florida Sheriffs Association, Legislative Champion, 2014

Champion of the Year, Epilepsy Foundation, 2014

Outstanding Senator, Florida Society of Health-System Pharmacists, 2014

Advocacy Award, Florida Council on Aging, 2013

Honor Roll, Florida Chamber of Commerce, 2013

Public Citizen of the Year, National Association of Social Workers, Northeast Florida Chapter, 2012

Optimist Appreciation Award West Nassau Optimist Club, 2012

Small Business of the Year Nomination 2011 For Putt-Putt, by the Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce.

Legislative Leadership Award from Healthy Families, 2008

Legislative Appreciation Award from the Family Support Services of North Florida, Inc., 2008

Legislative Appreciation Award from Florida Community College at Jacksonville, 2007

Legislator of the Year 2007 for Florida Leadership for Career and Technical Education

Public Official of the Year 2007 for Children's Home Society of Northeast Florida

Florida Legislator of the Year 2007 from the American Family Forum

Legislator of the Year 2007 from the Florida Dental Association

Legislator of the Year 2007 from Florida Association for Behavior Analysis

Legislator of the Year 2007 from Associated Industries of Florida, Governmental Outsourcing Council

Legislator of the Year 2007 from the Florida Nursing Homes Association

"A" Rating on the Florida Chamber of Commerce Legislative Report Card 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007 and 2008

Legislative Appreciation Award from Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

Legislative Appreciation Award from Florida Poison Information Center Network, 2005 and 2006

Faith & Family Award from Christian Coalition, 2006

Legislative Appreciation Award from the Professionals Resource Network, 2005, 2006

Legislative Appreciation Award from the Emergency Services & Homeless Coalition of Jacksonville, 2006

Fernandina Beach High School Hall of Fame, 2006

Legislator of the Year 2006 from the Florida Optometric Association

Legislator of the Year 2006 from the Florida Association of Rehabilitation Facilities

Legislator of the Year 2006 from the Florida Legal Services, Inc.

Legislator of the Year 2006 from the Florida Association of Homes for the Aging

Legislator of the Year 2006 from National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI) of Florida

Legislative Appreciation Award from Florida Coalition for Children, 2004 and 2005

Legislative Appreciation Award from Florida Legal Services, 2005

Legislative Appreciation Award from the Florida Association of Homes for the Aging, 2005

Legislative Appreciation Award from Small County Coalition, 2001, 2003, 2008

100% on the Christian Coalition Legislative Scorecard in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008

Legislative Appreciation Award from Florida Community College at Jacksonville District Board of Trustees and the Nassau County School Board, 2004

Florida Bankers Association Leadership Award 2004

Legislative Appreciation Award from the Small School District Council Consortium, 2004

Law Enforcement Service Award from Big Bend Chapter of the Florida Police Benevolent Association, 2003

Legislative Achievement Award from the Florida Police Chiefs, 2003

Legislative Appreciation Award from National Association of Mental Illness Nassau County, 2003

Legislative Leadership Award from PACE Juvenile Girls Program, 2003

Legislative Appreciation Award from Take Stock in Children of Nassau County, 2003

Legislator of the Year 2003 from the Statewide Advocacy Council

Good Neighbor Award from Florida Community College Jacksonville, 2003

Legislative Appreciation Award from the Baker County Council on Aging, 2002

Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association Leadership Award, 2002

Legislative Appreciation Award from State Correctional Officers Chapter and Combined State Officers Chapter, Police Benevolent Association, 2002

Legislative Appreciation Award from Trust For Public Land, 2001

Northeast Florida Educational Consortium Outstanding Legislative Support, 2002

Listed as one of the Top 50 “Up and Coming” Movers and Shakers in Northeast Florida by the Florida Times-Union, 1999

Honorary Member of Clay County Young Republicans, 1999

“Best of the Best” Elected Official in Nassau County from the Fernandina Beach News-Leader, 1998