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**MINNESOTA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**PAUL & SHEILA WELLSTONE PUBLIC HEALTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Background

The Paul & Sheila Wellstone Public Health Achievement Award is presented to a person who has distinguished him/herself in public health through an outstanding contribution, which exemplifies MPHA's mission to promote and protect the health of individuals, families and the community. Additionally, the nominee should have either displayed leadership as demonstrated by the impact of his or her effort on the careers and accomplishments of other public health professionals, or have made a contribution that reflects innovation, creativity or a courageous pioneering effort consistent with professional excellence and public service. The award was renamed in 2003 in memory of the late Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone, who served in the U.S. Senate from 1991 to 2002, and his wife Sheila Wellstone to recognize and honor the significant contributions they both made in promoting the health and well-being of all individuals.

Guidelines

Nominees:

1. May or may not be a current or past member of MPHA.
2. Should have made a contribution that exemplifies MPHA's mission to promote and protect the health of individuals, families and the community.
3. Should have distinguished him/herself in the field of public health.
4. Should have made an outstanding contribution to the health of the public, and have:
  - a. Displayed leadership as demonstrated by the impact of his or her effort on the careers and accomplishments of other public health professionals, or
  - b. Made a contribution that reflects innovation, creativity or courageous pioneering effort consistent with professional excellence and public service.

***Paul & Sheila Wellstone Public Health Achievement Recipients***  
**(Formerly the MN Public Health Achievement Award)**

1983	Michael Osterholm, Ph.D.	1999	LaVohn Josten	2016	Melanie Peterson-Hickey, PhD
1984	Grace Gummit		Barbara Leonard		
1985	Robert Ten Bensel, M.D.	2001	Jan Malcolm		
1986	Robert Veninga, Ph.D.	2002	Aggie Leitheiser		
1987	Leonard Schuman, M.D.	2003	Buddy Ferguson		
1988	Barbara O'Grady	2004	Donna Anderson		
1989	Lee D. Stauffer	2005	Steven Miles, M.D.		
1990	Richard Raile, M.D.	2006	Edward P. Ehlinger, M.D.		
1991	Ann Moorhous	2007	Gretchen Musicant		
1992	Jean Forster, Ph.D.	2008	Lorene Wedeking		
1993	Bob Hiller	2009	Carol E. Berg		
1994	Beverly Propes	2010	Esther Tatley		
1995	Christopher Reif, M.D.	2012	Linda Olson Keller, DNP		
1996	Michael Moen	2013	Angeline Carlson		
1997	Barbara Spradley	2014	Charles Oberg, M.D.		
1998	George Bowlin	2015	James Harvie		