

## **Oregon Connections Excellence in Telecommunications Awards and Recipients**

### **Category #1: Excellence in Telecommunications Applications**

Individual, organization or company that has developed and/or successfully implemented an innovative telecommunications application that demonstrates standard communications capabilities, scalable solutions to accommodate growth in demand, and/or adaptability to new applications and opportunities.

*2022 Recipient: Oregon Hazards Lab (OHAZ), University of Oregon*

*2021 Recipient: Ashland Fiber Network*

*2017 Recipient: Shawn Irvine, City of Independence*

*2015 Recipient: Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. (GOBHI)*

*2012 Recipient: Oregon Health and Science University*

*2011 Recipient: LS Networks*

*2011 Recipient: Bend Broadband Vault*

*2009 Recipient: Don Westlight of Oregon Health & Science University and the Oregon Health Network*

*2007 Recipient: Oregon Association of Hospital and Health Systems Research and Education Foundation*

*2006 Recipient: Central Oregon Independent Practice Association*

*2005 Recipient: One-Economy Corporation*

*2004 Recipient: Telehealth Alliance of Oregon*

*2003 Recipient: Frank Miller, Oregon Trail Internet*

*2002 Recipient: Pioneer Library System (La Grande), Patricia Cutright*

*2001 Recipient: Tom Cook, Oregon Public Education Network*

### **Category #2: Excellence in Telecommunications Projects and Regional/Local Strategies**

Individual, organization or company that has developed innovative projects or strategies to provide better access, reliability and/or affordability to telecommunications services for underserved and rural regions.

*2021 Recipient: Ziplly Fiber*

*2021 Recipient: Jeff Rhoden*

*2021 Recipient: Oregon Internet Response*

*2021 Recipient: Blue Mountain Networks*

*2021 Recipient: Zayo*

*2019 Recipient: BendTel*

*2018 Recipient: Mid-Columbia Economic Development District*

*2018 Recipient: Dan Bubb, Gorge Networks*

*2018 Recipient: Eastern Oregon Net, Inc.*

*2016 Recipient: City of Eugene, EWEB, TAO, and LCOG*

*2016 Recipient: Innovate Oregon, Dayton School District, and Online NW*

*2015 Recipient: Sherman County*

*2014 Recipient: Hunter Communications*

*2014 Recipient: Lane County Area Public Agency Network*

2014 Recipient: *Chris Burns, Charter Communications*  
2013 Recipient: *NetCity, Inc.*  
2013 Recipient: *Steve Noel, SWIC, State of Oregon*  
2012 Recipient: *David Crowe, Network for Education and Research in Oregon (NERO)*  
2012 Recipient: *SandyNet, City of Sandy*  
2011 Recipient: *Keith Grunberg, Charter Communications*  
2011 Recipient: *John Irwin, J Irwin Community Informatics Consulting*  
2011 Recipient: *Oregon Health Network*  
2010 Recipient: *Oregon Municipal Audit Review Committee*  
2009 Recipient: *Hunter Communications, Central Point, Oregon*  
2008 Recipients: *City of Lebanon, Phillip Barker of Curry County, and Verizon*  
2007 Recipients: *Keith Grunberg and Bradley Kuhnert, both of Charter Communications*  
2006 Recipient: *John Stadter, ComSpanUSA*  
2005 Recipient: *City of The Dalles/Q-Life Project*  
2004 Recipient: *Century Tel*  
2003 Recipient: *Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs*  
2002 Recipient: *Ben Doty, NoaNet Oregon*  
2001 Recipient: *Dave Sabala, Douglas Electric Cooperative*

### **Category #3: Excellence in Telecommunications Partnerships**

Individual, organization or company that has developed an innovative telecommunications partnership for the purpose of providing improved access, reliability and/or affordability for underserved and rural communities.

2022 Recipient: *Tillamook County Creamery Association*  
2021 Recipient: *Keith Grunberg*  
2021 Recipient: *Douglas Fast Net and Hunter Communications*  
2021 Recipient: *Link Oregon*  
2019 Recipient: *Windwave*  
2018 Recipient: *Digital Inclusion Network*  
2018 Recipient: *Q-Life, City of Maupin, and LS Networks*  
2016 Recipient: *Duke Dexter*  
2014 Recipient: *MINET*  
2012 Recipient: *Derek Abrams of Oregon State University and Sean McSpaden of State of Oregon*  
2012 Recipient: *Warm Springs Telecom*  
2011 Recipient: *Tamer Kirac*  
2010 Recipient: *Rio Networks*  
2009 Recipient: *Marsha Spellman and Adam Haas of Converge Communications*  
2008 Recipient: *Michael Weidman of LS Networks*  
2006 Recipient: *Greg Palser, CoastCom*  
2005 Recipient: *Agnes Box, Oregon Institute of Technology; and Bob Hensley, Cal-Ore Telephone Company for the Klamath Falls/OIT Open Access Hut project.*  
2004 Recipient: *Rich Ryan, Hunter Communications*  
2003 Recipient: *Ed Parker, ORTCC and CoastNet*

#### **Category #4: Excellence in Telecommunications Legislation or Policy**

Individual or organization that has participated in writing and advocating for legislation that will have a significant impact on rural telecommunications. Legislator or elected representative that has effectively introduced or advocated for innovation in legislation or policy that has positively impacted access, reliability, and/or affordability of rural telecommunications services.

*2022 Recipient: Oregon State Representative Nancy Nathanson*

*2021 Recipient: Ted Case*

*2019 Recipient: Oregon State Representative Pam Marsh*

*2017 Recipient: Governor Kate Brown*

*2015 Recipient: Senate Bill 144 Work Group*

*2013 Recipient: Oregon State Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward*

*2011 Recipient: Oregon State Representative Phil Barnhart*

*2007 Recipient: Telehealth Alliance of Oregon*

*2006 Recipient: Mary Beth Henry, City of Portland/Mt. Hood Regulatory Commission*

*2005 Recipient: Rob Myers, Tri-County Communications and the Oregon Telecommunications Coordinating Council*

*2003 Recipient: Representative Laurie Monnes-Anderson, Gresham; and Alice Nelson, Pendleton*

*2001 Recipient: Senator David Nelson, Pendleton*

#### **Category #5: Outstanding Telecommunications Advocate**

Individual that has made a significant contribution or gone beyond the call of duty to advocate for improved access, reliability and affordability of telecommunications.

*2022 Recipient: Rachael Maddock-Hughes*

*2022 Recipient: Krystal Stone*

*2021 Recipient: InterMountain Education Service District Technology Services*

*2019 Recipient: John Huffman, State Director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture RUS*

*2017 Recipient: Matt Hiefield, Beaverton School District*

*2017 Recipient: Commissioner Ken Kestner, Lake County*

*2016 Recipient: Eric Rosenberry*

*2015 Recipient: Jeremy Pietzold, City of Sandy Council President*

*2013 Recipient: Eric Schmidt, Association of Oregon Counties*

*2012 Recipient: Rich Bader, EasyStreet Online Services*

*2011 Recipient: Bob Jenks, Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon*

*2010 Recipient: Shay Dakan, Oregon State University*

*2010 Recipient: Milo Mecham, Lane Council of Governments*

*2009 Recipient: Ray Baum of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon*

*2008 Recipient: Pam Berrian of the City of Eugene*

*2007 Recipient: Jack Crider, President of Tillamook Lightwave*

*2006 Recipient: Onno Husing, Oregon Coast Zone Management Association*

*2005 Recipients: Link Shadley, ANKI Solutions and Chris Tamarin, Oregon Economic and Community Development Department.*

*2004 Recipient: Shayne Maxwell, Southern Oregon EAS Region*  
*2003 Recipients: John Irwin, ORTCC and SOTTC; and Ron Trullinger, Qwest*  
*2002 Recipient: Cathy Britain, RodeoNet*  
*2001 Recipient: Cindy Weeldreyer, Lane County Commissioner/ Fiber South Consortium Chair*

**Category #6: Edwin B. Parker Enduring Achievement Award**

This award is presented to individuals whose contributions in telecommunications have been rendered with the greatest civility, who serve as a role model and mentor to many, and who have provided a lasting legacy influencing for years to come the course and future of telecommunications in Oregon.

*2022 Recipient: Adam Haas*  
*2021 Recipient: Brant Wolf*  
*2019 Recipient: Don Patten*  
*2018 Recipient: Joseph Franell*  
*2018 Recipient: Todd Way*  
*2017 Recipient: Jim Teece*  
*2016 Recipient: Greg Palser*  
*2016 Recipient: Richard Ryan*  
*2015 Recipient: Milo Mecham*  
*2015 Recipient: Chris Tamarin*  
*2014 Recipient: Pam Berrian*  
*2014 Recipient: John Irwin*  
*2014 Recipient: Dave Sabala*  
*2013 Recipient: Cathy Britain*  
*2011 Recipient: Ray Baum*  
*2011 Recipient: Keith A. Mobley*  
*2010 Recipient: Amy Tykeson*  
*2009 Recipient: Curt Pederson*  
*2009 Recipient: Ginny Lang*  
*2009 Recipient: State Senator David Nelson*

**Other Award Recipients:**

*2021 Lifetime Achievement Award: Christopher Tamarin*  
*2015 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary All-Stars Award: Mike Dewey*  
*2015 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary All-Stars Award: Steve Eldrige*  
*2015 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary All-Stars Award: David Olson*  
*2009 Economic Development through Telecommunications: Chris Tamarin of the  
Oregon Business Development Department*  
*2008 Lifetime Achievement Award: Agnes Box, Oregon Institute of Technology*  
*2005 Enduring Achievement Award: Ben Doty, Telecommunications Advocate; Q-Life, CoastNet*  
*2004 Enduring Achievement Award: Ed Parker, Parker Telecommunications and  
Oregon Telecommunications Coordinating Council*

*2004 Enduring Achievement Award: Mike Johnson, Deschutes National Forest,  
COTel Chair and Founder*

*2004 Legislative Champion Award: Bill Penhollow, Association of Oregon Counties*

*2003 Lifetime Achievement Award: PUC Chair Joan Smith*

*2003 Lifetime Achievement Award: Terry Edvalson, Edvalson and Associates*

*2001 Excellence in Telecommunications Opportunities and Initiatives: Eric Alexander, Connecting  
Oregon Communities Board/ St. Charles Medical Center (Bend)*

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