

# Washington Recreation & Park Association Announces Annual Award Recipients



The Washington Recreation & Park Association (WRPA) celebrates people, parks, and programs with an award program honoring individuals and organizations for their contributions to the field of parks and recreation in Washington State. The 2018 award recipients were honored at our Annual Conference & Trade Show on Wednesday, May 2 at the Hilton Seattle Airport & Conference Center.

## Professional Award Recipients

### President's Award

Sarah Olson, Lynnwood Parks & Recreation

### Honor Fellow

Lori Cummings, City of Everett

### Young Professional

Kim Best, City of Cheney

### Ron C. Davis II Award

Dianne Bailey, Snohomish County

### Citation of Merit – Citizen

James Reddick, City of Olympia  
Shalisa Hayes, Metro Parks Tacoma

### Citation of Merit – Professional

Mary Coppin, City of Lacey

### Citation of Merit – Organization

BMX Program, City of Spokane

### Citation of Merit – Legislative

Joe Henry Duffin, City of Tukwila

### Distinguished Service

Bruce Fletcher, City of Mercer Island  
Dennis Higashiyama, City of Lakewood  
Mary Anne Kelly, Shoreline  
Jane Lewis, City of Everett  
Terry Smith, Bellevue  
Cathy VonWald, City of Bellevue  
Kathy Whitman, City of Seattle

## Mickey Corso Scholarship

Ryan Daly, City of Mercer Island  
Kirstin May, City of Tukwila

John Dunn, City of Tukwila  
Jessica Compton, William Shore Memorial Pool

## **Facilities & Parks Spotlight Award Recipients**

### **Outdoor Space**

Saddle Rock Education Area, City of Wenatchee  
Veterans Memorial Pool, City of Walla Walla

### **Trails**

Ebey Waterfront Trail, City of Marysville

## **Marketing & Outreach Spotlight Award Recipients**

### **Innovative Outreach**

Get Moving, City of Seattle

## **Program Excellence Spotlight Award Recipients**

### **Arts & Cultural**

Dia de los Muertos, City of Burien

### **Environmental Stewardship**

Youth Mountain Bike Initiative, Bainbridge Island

### **Health & Wellness**

Elementary Sports Program, Metro Parks Tacoma

### **Innovative Program**

Dementia-Friendly Recreation, City of Seattle