

# The New York State Society for Respiratory Care Awards Announcements

The following are a list of state awards sponsored by the Society. To view each individual award criteria, click on the award name. All awards (unless otherwise specified) have a nomination deadline of **November 30** of each year. The NYSSRC Awards Committee will review each of the nominations and present qualified candidates to the Board of Directors for approval by the Annual meeting each January. All award recipients will be presented with their award during that year at the State and Chapter Symposiums.

## ADIRONDACK AWARD

This award honors a large company that consistently offers a quality product and outstanding service to the members of the NYSSRC. In addition, this large company should, through their contribution of time and effort, provide the most significant contribution to the goals of NYSSRC in a single calendar year.

## BRUCE WITZ MEMORIAL AWARD

This award honors a small company from each chapter that consistently offers a quality product and outstanding service to the members of the chapter. In addition, this small company should, through their contribution of time and effort, provide the most significant contribution to the goals of the NYSSRC in a single calendar year.

## THE PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award recognizes a respiratory care practitioner who has demonstrated considerable involvement, motivation and value to the profession of respiratory care. This award is designed specifically to recognize an active AARC member in the NYSSRC who most exemplifies what it means to be a truly dedicated and ideal respiratory care practitioner. This is not a service award recognizing professional/political/committee work. Rather, it recognizes the practitioner who, day in and day out, works to improve patient care in whatever arena he or she may be working.

## SAMUEL RUNYAN MEMORIAL AWARD

This award honors an individual who is dedicated to and upholds the aims and goals of the New York State Society for Respiratory Care (NYSSRC):

1. To encourage and develop educational programs for those interested in the field of Respiratory Care;
2. To advance the science, technology, ethics and the art of Respiratory Care through institutions, meetings, lectures and the preparation and distribution of a newsletter or other materials;
3. To facilitate cooperation between Respiratory Care personnel and the medical profession,

hospitals, service companies, industries, governmental organizations, and other agencies interested in Respiratory Care;

4. Provide education of the general public in pulmonary health promotion and disease prevention.

#### MARLON B. SIEGEL MEMORIAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The New York State Society for Respiratory Care, as well as the respiratory care practitioners of New York, were saddened by the loss of long time respiratory therapist and educator, Marlon B. Siegel. Marlon died February 14, 2001 after fighting cancer for many years. Many therapists in New York state, and specifically those in the Western New York Chapter of the NYSSRC, know the many contributions Marlon has made to our profession. He started as a therapist and department head in the 1960's and became the Program Director for the Respiratory Care Program at Erie Community College in Buffalo NY in the 1970's, where he has been until now.

He was one of the first therapists to work on obtaining licensure for RCPs in New York and became the first Chairperson of the Respiratory Therapy Licensure Board. With over 1,000 therapists graduating from ECC in his time there, and his many tireless contributions to the NYSSRC and New York State practitioners, Marlon had an important role in changing and improving the lives of countless individuals and helping shape the face of respiratory care as we practice it.

#### AFFILIATE CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is designed to honor an active member of the AARC, who through their tireless contribution of time and effort, provides the most significant contribution to the goals of the New York State Society for Respiratory Care (NYSSRC) in a two calendar year period.

#### PRESIDENT'S RECOGNITION AWARD

This award recognizes a member of the community who has demonstrated considerable efforts in promoting the profession, furthering the mission of the NYSSRC, or other actions that impact on the society that the President deems of significant value to the profession of respiratory care.

This award was designed specifically to enable the president to recognize any individual who has significantly contributed to the mission of the NYSSRC. This is not an annual award and more than one award may be given in any calendar year.

The award can be presented at the annual symposium for the chapter submitting the nomination, at the NYSSRC annual symposium, or at any official function of the NYSSRC at the discretion of President and the nominating chapter.