

Making History Awards

1995-2015 Honorees

2015 Recipients

- **Hon. Jesse White**
The Jane Addams Making History Award for Distinction in Social Service
- **Hon. Richard M. Daley**
The Daniel H. Burnham Making History Award for Distinction in Visionary Leadership
- **Fritzie Fritzshall**
The Bertha Honoré Palmer Making History Award for Distinction in Civic Leadership
- **John A. Canning, Jr.**
The Marshall Field Making History Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation
- **Motorola Solutions accepted by Gregory Q. Brown, Chairman and CEO**
The Cyrus McCormick Making History Award for Historic Corporate Achievement

2014 Recipients

- **Mary Dempsey**
The Richard Wright Making History Award for Distinction in Literature
- **Paul J. Adams III**
The Robert Maynard Hutchins Making History Award for Distinction in Education
- **Ronald J. Gidwitz**
The Bertha Honoré Palmer Making History Award for Distinction in Civic Leadership
- **Richard Jaffee**
The Marshall Field Making History Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership
- **Northern Trust accepted by Frederick H. Waddell, Chairman and CEO**
The Cyrus McCormick Making History Award for Historic Corporate Achievement

2013 Recipients

- **Mike (Coach K) Krzyzewski**
The Amos Alonzo Stagg Making History Award for Distinction in Sports
- **John W. and Jeanne M. Rowe**
The Bertha Honoré Palmer Making History Award for Distinction in Civic Leadership

- **John F. Sandner**
The Marshall Field Making History Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation
- **Bernarda (Bernie) Wong**
The Jane Addams Making History Award for Distinction in Social Service
- **United Airlines accepted by Jeffrey A. Smisek, Chairman, President and CEO**
The Cyrus McCormick Making History Award for Historic Corporate Achievement

2012 Recipients

- **Roger Ebert**
The Joseph Medill Making History Award for Distinction in Journalism and Communications
- **Walter Massey**
The Enrico Fermi Making History Award for Distinction in Science, Medicine and Technology
- **Adele Simmons**
The Robert Maynard Hutchins Making History Award for Distinction in Education
- **Miles White**
The Bertha Honoré Palmer Making History Award for Distinction in Civic Leadership
- **Walgreen Co. Accepted by Greg Wasson, President and CEO**
The Cyrus McCormick Making History Award for Historic Corporate Achievement

2011 Recipients

- **Barbara Bowman**
The Jane Addams Making History Award for Distinction in Social Services
- **Renée Crown**
The Bertha Honoré Palmer Making History Award for Distinction in Civic Leadership
- **Bill Kurtis and Donna LaPietra**
The Joseph Medill Making History Award for Distinction in Journalism and Communications
- **ITW Accepted by David Speer, Chairman and CEO**
The Cyrus McCormick Making History Award for Historic Corporate Achievement

2010 Recipients

- **William M. Daley**
The Bertha Honoré Palmer Making History Award for Distinction in Civic Leadership

- **Exelon Corporation accepted by John W. Rowe, Chairman and CEO**
The Cyrus McCormick Making History Award for Historic Corporate Achievement
- **Janet Davison Rowley**
The Enrico Fermi Making History Award for Distinction in Science, Medicine and Technology
- **Orestes “Minnie” Minoso**
The Amos Alonzo Stagg Sr. Making History Award for Distinction in Sports

2009 Recipients

- **Carole and Gordon Segal**
The Marshall Field Making History Award for Distinction in Business Leadership and Innovation
- **Norman R. Bobins**
The Bertha Honoré Palmer Making History Award for Distinction in Civic Leadership
- **The Honorable George N. Leighton**
The Harold Washington Making History Award for Distinction in Public Service
- **Donald S. Perkins**
The Daniel H. Burnham Making History Award for Distinction in Visionary Leadership
- **McDonald’s Corporation accepted by James Skinner, Vice Chairman and CEO**
The Cyrus McCormick Making History Award for Historic Corporate Achievement

2008 Recipients

- **W. James Farrell**
The Marshall Field Making History Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation
- **Hanna Holborn Gray**
The Robert Maynard Hutchins Making History Award for Distinction in Education
- **Sue Gin**
The Bertha Honoré Palmer Making History Award for Distinction in Civic Leadership
- **Franz Jackson**
The Theodore Thomas Making History Award for Distinction in the Performing Arts
- **Justice John Paul Stevens**
The Harold Washington Making History Award for Distinction in Public Service
- **Abbott accepted by Miles White, Chairman and CEO**
The Cyrus McCormick Making History Award for Historical Achievement

2007 Recipients

- **Dr. Margaret Burroughs**
The Harold Washington Making History Award for Distinction in Public Service
- **Marshall Field V**
The Bertha Honoré Palmer Making History Award for Distinction in Civic Leadership
- **William A. Osborn**
The Marshall Field Making History Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation
- **Jerry Reinsdorf**
The George Halas Making History Award for Distinction in Sports
- **Tribune Company accepted by Dennis FitzSimons, Chairman and CEO**
The Cyrus McCormick Making History Award for Historical Achievement

2006 Recipients

- **Timuel D. Black**
The John Hope Franklin Making History Award for Distinction in Historical Scholarship
- **Dick Butkus**
The George Halas Making History Award for Distinction in Sports
- **Sister Rosemary Connelly**
The Jane Addams Making History Award for Distinction in Social Service
- **Edgar D. Jannotta**
The Marshall Field Making History Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation
- **Martin J. Koldyke**
The Robert Maynard Hutchins Making History Award for Distinction in Education

2005 Recipients

- **Ronne Hartfield**
The Robert Maynard Hutchins Making History Award for Distinction in Education
- **Ann Lurie**
The Jane Addams Making History Award for Distinction in Social Service
- **Ray Meyer**
The George Halas Making History Award for Distinction in Sports
- **Helmut Jahn**

The Daniel H. Burnham Making History Award for Distinction in Architecture and Design

- **Andrew McKenna**

The Marshall Field Making History Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation

2004 Recipients

- **Stanley M. Freehling**

The Harold Washington Making History Award for Distinction in Public Service

- **Richard Hunt**

The Archibald Motley Jr. Making History Award for Distinction in Visual Arts

- **Carol Marin**

The Joseph Medill Making History Award for Distinction in Journalism and Communications

- **James J. O'Connor**

The Marshall Field Making History Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation

- **Ron Santo**

The George Halas Making History Award for Distinction in Sports

2003 Recipients

- **Henry B. Betts, M.D.**

The Enrico Fermi Making History Award for Distinction in Science, Medicine, and Technology

- **Edward A. Brennan**

The Marshall Field Making History Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation

- **Robert V. Remini, Ph.D.**

The John Hope Franklin Making History Award for Distinction in Historical Scholarship

- **Gale Sayers**

The George Halas Making History Award for Distinction in Sports

- **Carole Simpson**

The Joseph Medill Making History Award for Distinction in Journalism and Communications

2002 Recipients

- **Ramsey Lewis**
The Theodore Thomas Making History Award for Distinction in the Performing Arts
- **Walter A. Netsch**
The Daniel H. Burnham Making History Award for Distinction in Architecture and Design
- **Sara N. Paretsky**
The Richard Wright Making History Award for Distinction in Literature
- **Richard L. Thomas**
The Marshall Field Making History Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation
- **Arturo Velasquez Sr.**
The Bertha Honoré Palmer Making History Award for Distinction in Civic Leadership

2001 Recipients

- **Irving B. Harris**
The Jane Addams Making History Award for Distinction in Social Service
- **Captain James A. Lovell**
The Enrico Fermi Making History Award for Distinction in Science, Medicine, and Technology
- **John D. Nichols**
The Marshall Field Making History Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation
- **Cindy Pritzker**
The Bertha Honoré Palmer Making History Award for Distinction in Civic Leadership
- **William Warfield**
The Theodore Thomas Making History Award for Distinction in the Performing Arts

2000 Recipients

- **Lester Crown**
The Bertha Honoré Palmer Making History Award for Distinction in Civic Leadership
- **John H. Johnson**
The Marshall Field Making History Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation

- **Eppie Lederer**
The Joseph Medill Making History Award for Distinction in Journalism and Communications
- **Lois Weisberg**
The Harold Washington Making History Award for Distinction in Public Service
- **Garry Wills**
The John Hope Franklin Making History Award for Distinction in Historical Scholarship

1999 Recipients

- **John H. Bryan**
The Marshall Field Making History Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation
- **Bruce J. Graham**
The Daniel H. Burnham Making History Award for Distinction in Architecture and Design
- **Newton N. Minow**
The Harold Washington Making History Award for Distinction in Public Service
- **Maria Tallchief**
The Theodore Thomas Making History Award for Distinction in the Performing Arts

1998 Recipients

- **Etta Moten Barnett**
The Theodore Thomas Making History Award for Distinction in the Performing Arts
- **Dr. William Cronon**
The John Hope Franklin Making History Award for Distinction in Historical Scholarship
- **Sid Luckman**
The George Halas Making History Award for Distinction in Sports
- **Abner J. Mikva**
The Harold Washington Making History Award for Distinction in Public Service
- **Patrick G. Ryan**
The Marshall Field Making History Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation

1997 Recipients

- **Milton Friedman**
The Robert Maynard Hutchins Making History Award for Distinction in Education
- **Dr. Mae C. Jemison**
The Enrico Fermi Making History Award for Distinction in Science, Medicine, and Technology
- **John E. Swearingen**
The Marshall Field Making History Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation
- **Mary Ward Wolkonsky**
The Bertha Honoré Palmer Making History Award for Distinction in Civic Leadership

1996 Recipients

- **Ernest (Ernie) Banks**
The George Halas Making History Award for Distinction in Sports
- **William B. Graham**
The Marshall Field Making History Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation
- **Ardis Krainik**
The Theodore Thomas Making History Award for Distinction in the Performing Arts
- **The Reverend Dr. Kenneth B. Smith**
The Harold Washington Making History Award for Distinction in Public Service

1995 Recipients

- **Gwendolyn Brooks**
The Richard Wright Making History Award for Distinction in Literature
- **Professor John Hope Franklin**
The John Hope Franklin Making History Award for Distinction in Historical Scholarship
- **Robert W. Galvin**
The Marshall Field Making History Award for Distinction in Corporate Leadership and Innovation
- **Professor Leon M. Lederman**
The Enrico Fermi Making History Award for Distinction in Science, Medicine, and Technology
- **Judge Abraham Lincoln Marovitz**
The Harold Washington Making History Award for Distinction in Public Service

- **Studs Terkel**

The Joseph Medill Making History Award for Distinction in Journalism and Communications