

THE  
CHICAGO  
INTERNATIONAL  
GALA

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# THE CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL GALA

The Chicago International Gala is a premier celebration of global connection, diplomacy, and economic partnership—honoring the vibrant international community that helps make Chicago a true global city.



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PAST RECIPIENTS

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## GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD

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Honors an individual who has made an extraordinary contribution to the international reputation, stature and outreach of Chicago.

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**2025:** Martin Nesbitt  
**2024:** John W. Rogers, Jr.  
**2023:** Martin Cabrera  
**2022:** Richard S. Price  
**2021:** Mary Dillon

**2020:** Jeanne Gang  
**2019:** Sam C. Scott III  
**2018:** Oscar Munoz  
**2017:** Cardinal Blase J. Cupich

**2016:** Patricia Woertz  
**2015:** James McNerney  
**2014:** Glenn Tilton  
**2013:** Miles White

**2012:** William Osborn  
**2011:** Ann Lurie  
**2010:** Patrick G. Ryan  
**2009:** Mayor Richard M. Daley

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## ROCKY WIRTZ CORPORATE AMBASSADOR AWARD

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Honors a company that has elevated Chicago as a global business destination, fostering economic growth and positioning the city at the forefront of the global economy.

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**2025:** Hyatt, *accepted by Mark Hoplamazian*  
**2024:** PsiQuantum, *accepted by Stratton Sclavos*  
**2023:** United Airlines, *accepted by Andrew Nocella for Brett Hart*  
**2022:** Cleveland Avenue, *accepted by Don & Liz Thompson*  
**2021:** BC/BS (HCSC), *accepted by Maurice Smith & Discover, accepted by Roger Hochschild*

**2020:** Loop Capital Markets, *accepted by Jim Reynolds*  
**2019:** PwC, *accepted by Jim Kolar*  
**2018:** McDonald's Corporation, *accepted by Robert Gibbs*  
**2017:** CIBC, *accepted by Larry Richman*  
**2016:** GE, *accepted by Jamie Miller*  
**2015:** Walgreens Boots Alliance, *accepted by Alex Gourlay*

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## WBC INNOVATION AWARD

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Honors an innovative Chicago company recognized as a global industry leader.

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**2025:** The Second City  
**2024:** Chicago Sky & Chicago Stars FC  
**2023:** Microsoft  
**2022:** Google

**2021:** N/A  
**2020:** N/A  
**2019:** Future Founders  
**2018:** tastytrade

**2017:** Blue1647  
**2016:** Microsoft  
**2015:** kCURA  
**2014:** Signal

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## THE DUSABLE CHICAGO LEGACY AWARD

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A special acknowledgment of great service to the City.

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**2024:** Michael Moskow, *Vice Chairman & Distinguished Fellow on the Global Economy, Chicago Council on Global Affairs*

**2017:** Steven Koch, *Former Deputy Mayor, City of Chicago*

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## CSCI VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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Honors a Chicago Sister Cities International (CSCI) volunteer committee member who has played an important role in furthering CSCI's mission to advance Chicago as global city and promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation through citizen diplomacy – one individual, one community at a time – for the benefit of Chicago and its sister cities.

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**2025:** Conrad Nowak, *Warsaw*  
**2024:** J. Cristoph Lichtenfeld, *Hamburg*  
**2023:** Nuala Kavanagh, *Galway*  
**2022:** Kyiv Committee

**2021:** Kimiyo Naka, *Osaka*  
**2020:** Iwona Wegrzyn-Bochenska, *Warsaw*  
**2019:** Ruben Ocampo, *Bogota*  
**2018:** Camille Julmy, *Lucerne*

**2017:** Kathleen Borland, *Social Services*  
**2016:** Brett August, *Paris*  
**2015:** Dr. Tariq Butt, *Lahore*  
**2014:** Yoko Noge, *Osaka*