

THE CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL GALA

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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.



PAST RECIPIENTS

GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD

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

2025: Martin Nesbitt	2020: Jeanne Gang	2016: Patricia Woertz	2012: William Osborn
2024: John W. Rogers, Jr.	2019: Sam C. Scott III	2015: James McNerney	2011: Ann Lurie
2023: Martin Cabrera	2018: Oscar Munoz	2014: Glenn Tilton	2010: Patrick G. Ryan
2022: Richard S. Price	2017: Cardinal Blase J. Cupich	2013: Miles White	2009: Mayor Richard M. Daley
2021: Mary Dillon			

ROCKY WIRTZ CORPORATE AMBASSADOR AWARD

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.

2025: Hyatt, <i>accepted by Mark Hoplamazian</i>	2020: Loop Capital Markets, <i>accepted by Jim Reynolds</i>
2024: PsiQuantum, <i>accepted by Stratton Scavos</i>	2019: PwC, <i>accepted by Jim Kolar</i>
2023: United Airlines, <i>accepted by Andrew Nocella for Brett Hart</i>	2018: McDonald's Corporation, <i>accepted by Robert Gibbs</i>
2022: Cleveland Avenue, <i>accepted by Don & Liz Thompson</i>	2017: CIBC, <i>accepted by Larry Richman</i>
2021: BC/BS (HCSC), <i>accepted by Maurice Smith & Discover, accepted by Roger Hochschild</i>	2016: GE, <i>accepted by Jamie Miller</i>
	2015: Walgreens Boots Alliance, <i>accepted by Alex Gourlay</i>

WBC INNOVATION AWARD

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

2025: The Second City	2021: N/A	2017: Blue1647
2024: Chicago Sky & Chicago Stars FC	2020: N/A	2016: Microsoft
2023: Microsoft	2019: Future Founders	2015: kCURA
2022: Google	2018: tastytrade	2014: Signal

THE DUSABLE CHICAGO LEGACY AWARD

A special acknowledgment of great service to the City.

2024: Michael Moskow, <i>Vice Chairman & Distinguished Fellow on the Global Economy, Chicago Council on Global Affairs</i>	2017: Steven Koch, <i>Former Deputy Mayor, City of Chicago</i>
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CSCI VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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.

2025: Conrad Nowak, <i>Warsaw</i>	2021: Kimiyo Naka, <i>Osaka</i>	2017: Kathleen Borland, <i>Social Services</i>
2024: J. Cristoph Lichtenfeld, <i>Hamburg</i>	2020: Iwona Wegrzyn-Bochenska, <i>Warsaw</i>	2016: Brett August, <i>Paris</i>
2023: Nuala Kavanagh, <i>Galway</i>	2019: Ruben Ocampo, <i>Bogota</i>	2015: Dr. Tariq Butt, <i>Lahore</i>
2022: Kyiv Committee	2018: Camille Julmy, <i>Lucerne</i>	2014: Yoko Noge, <i>Osaka</i>