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About The Chinese Association of Iowa

The Chinese Association of Iowa (CAI) is a community-based, non-profit organization. CAI represents the business, economic, and social interests of Iowa's Chinese American population. The mission of the Chinese Association of Iowa is to promote friendship among Chinese and other ethics groups; to provide assistance to Chinese Iowans; and to promote the civic, cultural, and educational development of the Chinese-American community in Iowa.

Since 1987, the Chinese Association of Iowa has provided the following cultural programs and community resources:

- Assorted Chinese Cultural Nights
- Birthday Celebrations for Prominent Members
- Chinese Movie Screenings
- Chinese Passport, Visa and Travel Services
- Fundraisers for Community Members in Need
- Iowa Chinese Language & Culture Academy
- Iowa Youth Leadership International (IYLI)
- Legal Seminars
- Seminars on Parenting, College Planning, and Tax Preparation
- The Annual Iowa Chinese Award Ceremony
- The Annual Iowa Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration
- The Annual Iowa Chinese New Year Celebration
- The Annual Iowa Chinese New Year Poster Contest
- The Community Cultural Center at Golden Tea Pot, West Des Moines
- The Chinese Village at the Annual Asian Heritage Festival
- The Iowa-China Business Forum and China Business
 Assistance Program
- The Iowa Chinese Community Photography Contest
- The Iowa Chinese Job/Career Forum
- The Iowa Chinese Library at the Urbandale Public Library
- The Iowa Chinese Summer Lakeside Party



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- Bill and May-May Ng
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- Brayton Li
- Cyndi Chen and Frank Affannato
- Daniel K. Miller,
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- Darren, Sue and Shuda Jarboe
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- Will Zhang and Yan Wang
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Become a Member!

Visit the Chinese Association of Iowa's website at iowachinese.org and click on Membership to fill out the membership form.

Membership Fees

Individual:	\$10/Annual	\$200/Lifetime
Family:	\$25/Annual	\$500/Lifetime
Non-profits:	\$50/Annual	\$1,000/Lifetime
Business:	\$100/Annual	\$2,000/Lifetime

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Join the "iowachinese" Yahoo Group in order to receive future event announcements.

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Chinese Association of Iowa Award Ceremony

On December 12, 2009, the Chinese Association of Iowa's Achievement Award Selection Committee selected the honorees for the 2009 Iowa Chinese Achievement Awards.

The Chinese Association of Iowa believes that it is essential to identify and honor role models who inspire all of us, especially the younger generation.

With so many community events and programs, there has never been a more important time to recognize the contributions made by businesses, organizations, and volunteers in communities across the State of Iowa and overseas.

Previous award winners have all been excellent examples of the leadership and volunteer spirit celebrated through the awards. From the oldest member to the youngest, they have demonstrated generosity and a strong commitment to improve the well-being of our communities through their leadership, volunteerism, and sacrifice.

Award Reception, New Year's Dinner, and Award Ceremony

With each award, the Chinese Association of Iowa publicly affirms present achievements, seeks to encourage further work on the part of the recipients, and hopes to motivate others to follow their lead in service to Iowa communities. The award ceremony will be held at the annual Iowa Chinese Achievement Awards Ceremony at:

> Indian Hill Junior High School Auditorium 9401 Indian Hills Dr., Clive, IA 50325 6-7 p.m. Saturday, February 13, 2010



Dr. David Jiajian Wang Award for Humanity



Eric Idehen Wells Fargo

The Dr. David JiaJian Wang Award for Humanity is the Chinese Association of Iowa's most prestigious honor. The Association selects extraordinary individuals or groups to recognize their distinguished humanitarian impact on the State of Iowa. The award was established in 2007. Past honorees include Governor Robert Ray and Kemin Industries.

The award is named for Dr. Wang, a native of China's Hainan Island, who sacrificed his life while saving a boy from drowning at Lake Panorama. In October 2002, Dr. Wang received the Person of the Year Award posthumously from the Iowa Asian Alliance for his professional achievement and business development, his service to under-privileged people, and his sacrifice for others. On August 17, 2003, the Chinese Association of Iowa presented the Iowa Hero Award to Dr. Wang's mother and sister in recognition of the heroic actions that led to his death. In 2007, the Chinese Association of Iowa established the David JiaJian Wang Award for Humanity to honor his great achievements and sacrifice. At the Chinese Association of Iowa's 20th Anniversary Celebration in 2007, Grace Wang, Dr. Wang's wife, their daughter, Cassie Wang, and Iowa Secretary of State Michael Mauro presented the award to former Iowa Governor Robert D. Ray. Governor Ray's visionary acts of compassion established Iowa as a welcoming place for the humanitarian resettlement of refugees and immigrants of Asian descent after the Vietnam War. Governor Ray also played a leading role in establishing U.S. relations with China. He also initiated Iowa's sister states relationship with China's Hebei Province in the early 1980s."

Kemin Industries was the second recipient of the award. This international agricultural business operates in over 60 countries, including China, Singapore, Thailand, India, South Africa, Belgium, Brazil, and the United States. They are committed to hire staff at all levels, from the president to the plant operators, from those local communities. Kemin also understands the importance of being an active member of the communities in which they do business. In Des Moines, Kemin staff have been active with Habitat for Humanity.

After the devastating earthquake in 2008, Kemin challenged its employees worldwide to donate money to rebuild a school in Qinchang Village in Ming shan County, Sichuan Province, and Kemin matched those donations. The result was a new school that will accommodate more than 300 students and 10 teachers. In September 2009, R.W. Nelson, the Founder and CEO of Kemin Industries, and his wife, Mary, traveled to Qinchang Village to dedicate the Kemin Hope School. Mr. Nelson also presented six computers to the school to be used for a computer literacy program.



Person of the Year



Cyndi Chen Des Moines

The Person of the Year Award is designed to celebrate individuals for their distinguished involvement and contribution to the Iowa Chinese community.

The Corporate Leadership Award

Faegre & Benson LLP



The Corporate Leadership Award is dedicated to recognizing corporations or individuals in the corporate sector who exemplify excellence in their profession and show commitment to their respective communities and to the corporate culture of diversity initiatives.

The Outstanding Contributor Award

Flying Tigers The American Volunteer Group (AVG)



The Outstanding Contributor Award acknowledges individuals and organizations that have made an extraordinary contribution to the State of Iowa and beyond.

The Media Leadership Award



Erin Kiernan WHO TV

The Media Leadership Award is given to an individual who demonstrates excellence in reporting on culture, lifestyle, and the arts and who covers issues related to immigration, immigrants, diversity, and international events. Their coverage helps share and preserve cultural heritage and helps explore future challenges faced by our cultural community.





Will Zhang Ankeny

The Community Leadership Award recognizes individuals and organizations whose outstanding initiative, work, and inspiration to others make them leaders who have had a significant impact on lowa communities.

The Community Business of the Year

C & L Company

C&L Companies, Inc.

The Community Business of the Year Award is given to companies that are helping to tackle discrimination and create sustainable, dynamic, and inclusive communities. It is also for individuals whose leadership and commitment to responsible business practices have resulted in improvements inside their own companies and inspired other organizations to take action.

Education Agency of the Year



The Education Agency of the Year Award is dedicated to schools or school districts that have demonstrated exemplary practices or programs in one or more of the following ways:

- Curriculum development, staff development, or administrate practices that improve or provide more equitable educational opportunities for youth.
- Enhancement of communication within and between local school districts for ethnic groups.
- Promotion and development of state and regional delivery systems which bring about creative, efficient, and effective education on diversity and international understanding.

Government Agency of the Year



Des Moines Police Department

The Government Agency of the Year Award recognizes the extraordinary work of a municipal, county, or other state agency in Iowa that has demonstrated exemplary practices or programs in one or more of the following ways:

- Unique achievements in the creation and implementation of government programs or projects that contribute to diversity and international exchanges.
- Cooperative efforts between the government agency and private or nonprofit organizations that result in positive changes in the community.

The 2009 Iowa Chinese Achievement Awards Honorees



Non-profit Organization of the Year

Iowa Council for International Understanding

The Nonprofit Organization of the Year Award recognizes nonprofit organizations who are committed to cultivating local cultural, education, business, and community development.

Artist of the Year



Grace Yang West Des Moines

The Artist of the Year Award is presented to artists of all ages and abilities who work with the Chinese Association of Iowa to creatively communicate their social messages through art.

Volunteers of the Year



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International Understanding

Bob Petersen, Des Moines





Jian Jin, Ames



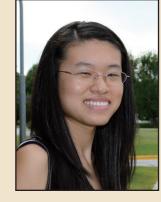
Cultural Ambassador of the Year

Bethany Allison Urbandale

The Cultural Ambassador of the Year Award is given to an individual who has made a positive impact on the Iowa Chinese community's cultural programs. Through their actions and goodwill, this person truly embodies the ambassador spirit.



Youth Leadership Award



Mary Feng Johnston

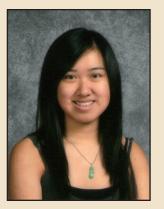
The Youth Leadership Award honors extraordinary young people for their character and leadership. The award recognizes youth under 22 years of age who strive to be their personal best; make a positive difference in their schools, youth groups, and communities; and show outstanding leadership.

Youth of the Year

The Youth of the Year Award recognizes young people who serve and make a difference in our community. We honor them for their selfless acts and character development. Eligible honorees must be attending high school/secondary school or the equivalent standard and under 19 years of age.



Lisa Thai Windsor Heights



Vanessa Au West Des Moines



Jasmine Au West Des Moines



Jessica Au West Des Moines

The 2008 Annual Iowa Chinese Award Honorees

Dr. David Jiajian Wang Award for Humanity Kemin Industries

Lifetime Achievement Award J. Michael Earley, Former President & CEO, Bankers Trust

Person of the Year Ashley Xing Lan, West Des Moines

The Outstanding Contributor Award Shawn Johnson, West Des Moines

The Corporate Leadership RDG Planning & Design

The Media Leadership Award China Tribune

The Community Leadership Award Tim Meline, Iowa Realty

Community Business of the Year Panda Garden, Ankeny

Education Agency of the Year Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC)

Government Agency of the Year City of Des Moines

Non-profit Organization of the Year lowa Chinese Language School

Volunteers of the Year Wai Cheng, West Des Moines Tu Thai, Windsor Heights

Artist of the Year Guolin Zhao, Rock Rapids

Cultural Ambassador of the Year Don Walth, Eagle Claw Kung Fu West Des Moines Community School District

Youth Leadership Award Alice Yang, Valley High School, West Des Moines

Youth of the Year

Alick Feng, Valley High School, West Des Moines Mary Feng, Johnston High School, Johnston Ty Hennings, Roosevelt High School, Des Moines Kevin Hu, Johnston High School, Johnston Stenstone Huang, Pella High School, Pella Steven Huang, Walter Payton College, Pre-High School, Chicago Allison Pestotnik, Valley High School, West Des Moines Yiming Qin, Johnston High School, Johnston David Xu, Roosevelt High School, Des Moines

The 2007 Annual Iowa Chinese Award Honorees

Lifetime Achievement Award R.W. Nelson, Chairman of the Board, Kemin Industries, Inc.

Person of the Year Yongmei Zhou, West Des Moines The Outstanding Contributor Award Gov. Gary Yafe Locke, the former Governor of Washington Chow's Gymnastics & Dance Institute

The Corporate Leadership Nationwide

The Media Leadership Award lowa Public Television (IPTV)

The Community Leadership Award See Rodari,Vice President, Bankers Trust Iowa State University Chinese Students/Scholars Friendship Association

Community Business of the Year Green Yoga House

Education Agency of the Year Waukee Community School District

Government Agency of the Year lowa Department of Economic Development

Non-profit Organization of the Year NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), Des Moines branch

Family of the Year The Wang Family (Ke Wang, Yingli Xu and Dihao Wang), Urbandale

Volunteers of the Year Feng Li, Urbandale Xiaomin Qian, Ames

Lance Mascaro, Des Moines Yang Xiang, Des Moines

Artist of the Year Joesten Zhou, Johnston

Senior Citizen of the Year Wayne Ellis Abuhl, Ankeny

Lianfang Xu, Johnston

Goodwill Ambassador of the Year Lorna L. Davros Executive Administrative Assistant to the Mayor & Council

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Youth of the Year lingjing Han, Valley High School Katie Hennings, Johnston High School Wan Wang, Des Moines Christian School Kevin Shi, Johnston High School Alice Xu, Valley High School

The Chinese Association of Iowa 20th Anniversary (1987-2007) Award Honorees

The Dr. David Jiajian Wang Award for Humanity Gov. Robert D. Ray, the former Governor of Iowa

David Lee Founder's Award G. David Hurd, Emeritus Chairman, Principal Financial Group

International Business Leadership Award Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

Leadership in Diversity Award Bankers Trust

Outstanding Media Award The Des Moines Register

Chinese Community Contributor Award Wei Du, West Des Moines Grace Yang, Des Moines

Grace Wang, Urbandale

The 2006 Annual Iowa Chinese Award Honorees

Person of the Year Helen Lee, West Des Moines

Outstanding Contributor Award Gov. Thomas Vilsack, the former Governor of Iowa

The Corporate Leadership Award Wells Fargo

Community Leadership Award Ankeny Community School District

Educational Agency of the Year Ankeny Community School District

Government Agency of the Year Iowa Finance Authority

Non-profit Organization of the Year Gift of Love International Adoptions, Inc.

Community Business of the Year Community CPA and Associates, Inc

Community Leadership Award Hilda Wolle, West Des Moines

Volunteers of the Year Jian Gong, Ames Shannon Yong Huang, Des Moines Na Li. Ames

Haus, Ankeny Binfang Li, Des Moines

Fuyi Qiao, West Des Moines

Goodwill Ambassador of the Year Gil Caldwell III. Monroe

Family of the Year The Ye Family (Tianxiang Ye, Jingwen Ming and Annie Ye), West Des Moines

Senior Citizens of the Year Frank Affannato, Des Moines William Wei, Urbandale

Youth of the Year Kimi Nelson, Dowling High School Jean Xie, Ankeny High School Kevin Zhou, Valley High School Peige Zhou, Valley High School

Chinese Achievement Award Honorees (2003-2008)

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The 2005 Annual Iowa Chinese Award Honorees

Lifetime Achievement Award David Lee, Founder, Chinese Association of Iowa

Person of the Year Hugh Lu, Johnston

The Corporate Leadership Award Dean Oestreich, President, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

Family of the Year The Hofferber Family (Fred, Barb, Leeann, Kerry, and Colin), Des Moines

Volunteers of the Year Lei Dong, Ames Scott Yinzhi Zhao, Johnston

Youth of the Year Justin Guan, Valley High School, West Des Moines Hanna Wolle, Valley High School, West Des Moines

The 2004 Annual Iowa Chinese Award Honorees

Person of the Year Frank Zhang, West Des Moines

The Corporate Leadership Award Bankers Trust

Volunteers of the YearYulan Shen, AmesGrace Yang, Des Moines

Youth of the Year Annie Ye, Valley High School, West Des Moines

The 2003 Annual Iowa Chinese Award Honorees

Persons of the Year Jianlin Zhai and Xiaoyan Shen, West Des Moines

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