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Year	Award/Honor	Awarding Organization	Recipient(s)	Award/Honor Justification
2019	Administrator's Award	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	John V. Cortinas	For exemplary leadership in implementing the <i>WOMEN of NOAA</i> campaign.
2019	Special Appreciation Award	Southeast Region of the Federal Laboratory Consortium	Natchanon Amornthammarong	For creating a novel low-cost, high-precision sea temperature sensor for coral reef monitoring.
2019	Silver Medal	Department of Commerce	Ian C. Enochs Nathan P. Formel (CIMAS)	For the development of a low-cost, open source subsurface autosampler (SAS) that eliminates barriers to water sampling and increases research capacity for all oceanographers.
2019	Federal Employee of the Year (Service to Community category)	South Florida Federal Executive Board	Evan B. Forde	For long term efforts to create and enhance public education and youth opportunities in south Florida communities, as well as long-term efforts to feed hungry families.
2019	Order of Sherman's Lagoon Award	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Manuel Fraga	For exemplary service, long-term commitment, and consistent efforts towards maintaining AOML's aging facility, including the repair of AOML's 30-year old chiller, electrical generators, and air handlers, while continuing to improve the quality of the facility, including laboratory renovation, lighting retrofits, flooring replacement, and more.
2019	Fellow	American Meteorological Society	Shirley T. Murillo	For efforts to promote educational outreach and science education, in particular, for supporting minorities and women to promote a more diverse workforce through mentoring, education, and community service.
2018	Daniel L. Albritton Outstanding Science Communicator Award	NOAA/Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research	Frank D. Marks	For outstanding communication of NOAA research and its relevance to the American public.

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2018	Team Member of the Month (October 2018)	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Sonia Otero (CIMAS)	For developing a software module for NOAA's Aircraft Operations Center that integrates dropwindsonde datasets into weather models, as well as writing a sophisticated program that incorporates dropwindsonde data from the ground rather than from the aircraft, saving critical aircraft space. Sonia's contributions have significantly improved the ability of AOC and the National Weather Service to ensure critical data are assimilated into forecasts models, helping warn the public of severe weather.
2018	Team Member of the Month (January 2018)	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Lisa R. Bucci (CIMAS)	For serving as the science team leader on NOAA P-3 Hurricane Hunter missions into Hurricane Irma, gathering vital data for numerical forecast models that were used to generate accurate forecasts that saved countless lives and property.
2017	Employee of the Year (Scientific category)	South Florida Federal Executive Board	Sang-Ki Lee	For research that has demonstrated a relationship between sea surface temperatures in the Pacific and Atlantic oceans and the likelihood of severe tornado outbreaks in the United States, enabling vulnerable communities and first responders to plan for likely severe seasons with a lead time of approximately 1-3 months.
2017	Achievement Award	NOAA Corps	LTJG Benjamin E. VanDine	For exemplary service and exceptional efforts to make AOML a safer, more cost-efficient laboratory.

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2016	Outstanding Reviewer Award	IOP Publishing	Rik Wanninkhof	For outstanding reviews of papers submitted to the journal <i>Environmental Research Letters</i> that have ensured the quality and integrity of IOP's publications.
2016	Oder of Sherman's Lagoon Award	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Howard A. Friedman	For exemplary service, long-term commitment, and consistent efforts towards promoting equal employment opportunity, diversity, and educational outreach activities at AOML, including assisting Hollings scholars, student interns, and post-docs visiting AOML.
2016	Program Development Award	South Florida Federal Executive Board	Alejandra Lorenzo	In appreciation of 5 years of leadership and development of the English as a Second Language (ESOL) Outreach Program.
2016	Team Member of the Month (March 2016)	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Caridad I. Gonzalez (CIMAS)	For developing software for a project that has improved how ocean temperature data from expendable bathythermographs are transmitted by shifting to the Iridium satellite network.
2016	EEO Diversity Award for Exemplary Service	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Howard A. Friedman	For exemplary service, long-term commitment, and consistent efforts toward promoting equal employment opportunity, diversity, and educational and outreach activities at AOML, as well as interaction with NOAA's Office of Education and the South Florida Federal Executive Board.
2015	Sustainability Award	Netherland-America Foundation	Ruben J. van Hooijdonk (CIMAS)	In recognition of being an alumnus of the NAF-Fulbright Fellowship Program and dedication to the field of sustainability through research on coral reef ecosystems.

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2015	Employee of the Month (May 2015)	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Jessie E. (Jay) Harris	For long-term efforts to keep computer and information technology systems operational for AOML's Physical Oceanography Division, enabling mission-critical science to be successfully conducted on behalf of NOAA with only minimal computer-related interruptions.
2015	Team Member of the Month (February 2015)	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Ricardo Domingues (CIMAS)	For developing the Mandatory Ship Reporting (MSR) system, which is being used to monitor and protect North Atlantic right whales along the U.S. eastern seaboard.
2015	Bronze Medal	Department of Commerce	Christopher R. Kelble	For advancing ecosystem-based management via the first comprehensive Gulf of Mexico Ecosystem Status Report that includes more than 140 ecological indicators.
2014	Leadership Circle of CLEO	Climate Leadership Engagement Opportunities	Maribeth L. Gidley (CIMAS)	For numerous outreach efforts discussing the public health impacts of sea level rise, assisting CLEO bridge the divide between science and society as related to the issue of climate change.
2014	Early Career Scientist Award	International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics	Gregory R. Foltz	For outstanding research in the earth and space sciences and for international research cooperation.
2014	Employee of the Month (October 2014)	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Neal M. Dorst	For efforts to document the history of AOML's Hurricane Research Division and to preserve its analog, digital, and film data resources.
2014	Team Member of the Month (July 2014)	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Shaun R. Dolk (CIMAS)	For professionalism, commitment to excellence, and outreach efforts including support of NOAA's "Adopt a Drifter" program which helps school children learn about the ocean by adopting and tracking their very own drifting buoy.

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2014	Employee of the Month (March 2014)	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Jennifer D. Calderon-Diaz	For providing outstanding administrative services to the staff of AOML's Hurricane Research Division.
2013	Distinguished Career Award	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Silvia L. Garzoli	For excellence in scientific research of Atlantic Ocean dynamics and extensive service to the oceanographic community.
2013	2011 Outstanding Scientific Paper Award (awarded in 2013)	NOAA/Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research	Derek P. Manzello	Manzello, D.P., 2010: Coral growth with thermal stress and ocean acidification: Lessons from the eastern tropical Pacific. <i>Coral Reefs</i> , 29(3):749-758.
2013	Employee of the Month (August 2013)	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Andrew J. Stefanick	For designing and building an enhanced CTD (Conductivity-Temperature-Depth) frame, an important and innovative piece of scientific infrastructure.
2013	Team Member of the Month (May 2013)	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Xuejin Zhang (CIMAS)	For contributions in support of NOAA's Hurricane Weather Research and Forecasting (HWRF) high resolution computer model.
2013	Federal Employee of the Year (Management category)	South Florida Federal Executive Board	Shirley T. Murillo	For leadership in managing the 2012 Hurricane Field Program, an effort which involved the collaboration of scientists throughout NOAA, other federal agencies, and academic partners, and the Joint Hurricane Test Bed project.
2013	Federal Employee of the Year (Scientific category)	South Florida Federal Executive Board	Chunzai Wang	For professional excellence and exceptional productivity.
2012	Research Employee of the Year Award (Individual category)	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Chunzai Wang	For personal and professional excellence.
2012	Premio RAICES a la Cooperación Internacional en Ciencia, Tecnología, e Innovación	Argentine Ministry of Science and Technology	Silvia L. Garzoli	For Argentinean researchers living abroad of Argentina who have strengthened scientific cooperation and technological capabilities within the country.

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2012	Team Member of the Month (October 2012)	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Sang-Ki Lee (CIMAS)	For research identifying a relationship between La Niña conditions in the tropical Pacific and increased tornadic activity in the United States.
2012	John Martin Award	Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography	Richard H. Wanninkhof	For your landmark paper entitled <i>Relationship between wind speed and gas exchange over the ocean</i> (Wanninkhof, 1992, JGR 97(C5):7373-7382) that has had a significant impact on subsequent research in the field of oceanography.
2012	Team Member of the Month (March 2012)	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Maribeth L. Gidley (CIMAS)	For exceptional outreach efforts and mentoring of graduate and summer student interns.
2012	Antarctica Service Medal	National Science Foundation	Kevin F. Sullivan (CIMAS)	For research efforts conducted during the two-month U.S. CLIVAR/CO ₂ Repeat Hydrography Program S4P cruise to the Southern Ocean.
2011	Bronze Medal	Department of Commerce	John Kaplan	For providing skillful operational hurricane intensity models as demonstrated by the National Hurricane Center forecast verifications for the 2009 and 2010 seasons.
2011	Charles E. Anderson Award	American Meteorological Society	Shirley T. Murillo	For outstanding support of minorities and women to promote a more diverse workforce through mentoring, education, and community service.
2011	Fellow	American Meteorological Society	Mark D. Powell	For outstanding long-term contributions to the atmospheric sciences, including more than 30 years of research that has advanced the state of tropical cyclone knowledge through fostering improvements in real-time wind field monitoring and analysis, rainband structure and dynamics, and hurricane boundary layer structure..

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2011	Editor's Citation for Excellence in Refereeing Award	American Geophysical Union	Richard H. Wanninkhof	For conscientious reviews of submitted papers to the <i>Journal of Geophysical Research (Oceans)</i> that have enabled AGU to maintain its high standards of quality.
2011	Administrator's Award	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Evan B. Forde	For outstanding communication of NOAA science, sharing the joy of science with students, and helping to foster a science-literate society.
2011	Federal Employee of the Year (Scientific category)	South Florida Federal Executive Board	Robert F. Rogers	For leadership during NOAA's 2010 Hurricane Field Program and for research that has contributed to a greater understanding of hurricane structure and intensity.
2011	Employee of the Month (April 2011)	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	Robert F. Rogers	In recognition of his leadership during NOAA's 2010 Hurricane Field Program.
2011	Verner E. Suomi Award	American Meteorological Society	Frank D. Marks	For creative use of airborne Doppler radar and other technologies that have advanced the understanding of the dynamics of tropical cyclones.
2011	Editor's Award	American Meteorological Society	Altug Aksoy	For providing a large number of high-quality reviews to several of the editors.
2011	Achievement Award	International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange	Linda Pikula	For being a champion of marine information, your role as an Ocean Teacher, and your commitment to shaping a global community of marine information managers.
2010	Distinguished Career Award	U.S. Department of Commerce	Judith Gray	For exceptional management, leadership, and service to NOAA employees throughout 30 years of federal service.

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2010	Silver Medal	U.S. Department of Commerce	Alan P. Leonardi	For exemplary leadership in building a first-of-its-kind partnership with Google to disseminate NOAA ocean data and information through Google Earth.
2010	Federal Employee of the Year (Scientific category)	South Florida Federal Executive Board	Silvia L. Garzoli	For outstanding research and leadership.
2009	Editors' Citation for Excellence in Refereeing	American Geophysical Union	Jason P. Dunion (CIMAS)	For contributions that have been invaluable in maintaining the high standards of quality for the journal <i>Geophysical Research Letters</i> through the conscientious review of submitted papers.
2009	Distinguished Career Award	U.S. Department of Commerce	Frank D. Marks	For pioneering achievements in airborne radar remote sensing of tropical cyclones and severe storms to improve the understanding of storm structure.
2009	Bronze Medal	U.S. Department of Commerce	Joseph J. Cione	For successfully executing the first launch and recovery of an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) into the core of a tropical cyclone (Tropical Storm Ophelia, 2005).
2009	Bronze Medal	U.S. Department of Commerce	Claude F. (Rick) Lumpkin	For exceptional service as an editor and author of the NOAA/Smithsonian Sant Ocean Hall companion publication <i>Hidden Depths: Atlas of the Oceans</i> .
2009	Bronze Medal	U.S. Department of Commerce	Claude F. (Rick) Lumpkin	For remarkable contributions and original concepts in the design and leverage of the Sant Ocean Hall, the national exhibition on the global ocean.

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2009	Bronze Medal	U.S. Department of Commerce	Claude F. (Rick) Lumpkin	For developing the successful research-to-operation transition of Climate Sea Surface Temperature Observing System Design, Implementation and Performance Monitoring.
2009	Silver Medal	U.S. Department of Commerce	Richard H. Wanninkhof	For providing timely ocean information and capacity for improved global monitoring and management of coral reef ecosystems relative to climate change.
2009	Federal Employee of the Year (Service to Community category)	South Florida Federal Executive Board	Evan B. Forde	For leadership, dedicated effort, and substantial and continuing service to the community, especially in regard to assisting youth and the needy.
2009	Fellow	American Geophysical Union	Richard H. Wanninkhof	For contributions to understanding of the ocean carbon cycle with emphasis on improved understanding and quantification of the exchange of carbon dioxide between the surface ocean and atmosphere.