



YMCA PROFESSIONAL NETWORK | CHAPTERS 41 & 42



LEGENDARY SERVICE

YPN Chapter 41 & 42 proudly presents the 2026

YMCA LEGACY (Ch 41) & NORTH STAR (Ch 42) AWARDS

Recognizing a YMCA professional who has chosen the YMCA as a lifetime career and has demonstrated excellence in their chosen field.

CRITERIA

1. Contributed to their field in one or more of the following manners:
 - Has made a significant contribution to the development of their field that benefited a local YMCA and/or overall YMCA movement.
 - Demonstrated the highest standards of leadership in the YMCA movement
 - Is respected and recognized as a role model to peers in their field

NOMINATIONS

1. Nominations will remain on record and will be considered in each of the next three award cycles after submission.
2. Nominee does not need to be currently employed at a YMCA.
3. Nominations can be submitted online at [this link](#) by July 31, 2026.

Questions on the award contact:

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- Ch 42: Tyler Powell, tyler@northfieldymca.org

Awards to be presented at the Upper Midwest Alliance of YMCA's YPN Staff Rally on October 23, 2026.



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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR THE YPN LEGACY & NORTH STAR AWARDS!

PREVIOUS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS

Chapter 41 Legacy Award:

- 2021: Linda Daley, YMCA of Greater Waukesha County
Peg Loomis, YMCA of Northern Rock County
- 2022: Rick Cullen, Fond du Lac Family YMCA
Kay Nord, Glacial Community YMCA
Sandy Atkins, Greater Green Bay YMCA
- 2023: Danielle Englebert, YMCA of the Fox Cities
Denise Nugent, Sheboygan County Family YMCA
- 2024: Steve Fox, YMCA of the Chippewa Valley
Sue Pawlowski, YMCA of the Fox Cities
Kathy Westpfahl, YMCA of Greater Waukesha County
- 2025: Jill Rasmussen, YMCA of the Fox Cities
Kathy Phillips, Kettle Moraine YMCA
Jennie Melde, La Crosse Area Family YMCA

Chapter 42 North Star Award:

New in 2026!



NOMINATE SOMEONE HERE!