

Meet Our Healthy School Heroes



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National Healthy Schools Hero Awards

Healthy Schools Network initiated the National Healthy Schools Hero Awards[©] in 2000 to recognize the contributions of advocates, researchers, and policymakers to the field of protecting children's environmental health and creating healthier schools, issues at the nexus of health, environment, and education.

Nominations are invited by Healthy Schools Network's Board of Directors, previous Heroes, and its National Advisers. Final selections are made by the Board in consultation with the Executive Director.



Be a Healthy Schools Hero

Advance research, practice, and policies
for healthier schools and healthier
children: at home, at your school, or in
city, state, and federal policy.



Four Heroes: 2022

Presented
during our
two-day
COVID,
Climate,
Children,
and Schools
national
summit,
April 2022

Dr. Daniel Lefkowitz, PCBs in Schools, presented by Chip Halverson, ND, Selah Natural Medicine; Chair, National Healthy Schools Caucus

National Association of School Nurses, accepted by Linda Mendonca, MSN, NCSN, Board President, and Donna Mazyck, MS, RN, Executive Director. Presented by Kathy Reiner, MPH, BA, RN

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***Mireille Ellsworth, Chair, Hawaii
Healthy Schools Caucus,*** presented
by Chip Halverson ND, Selah Natural
Medicine, Chair, National Healthy
Schools Caucus

***Judy Braiman, President, Empire
State Consumer Project,*** presented
by Claire Barnett, MBA, Executive
Director, Healthy Schools Network



Hero: 2021

New Jersey Work Environment Council

For contributions to the
national dialogue on COVID,
workers, children, and schools



*Executive Director Debra Coyle
McFadden accepted the award
virtually on behalf of the board and
staff of NJWEC during our (virtual)
summit COVID, Climate, Children
and Schools.*



Hero: 2021

Alicia Culver, Executive Director, Responsible Purchasing Network

For promoting green cleaning
and green purchasing policies
and products

*She accepted the award during
our (virtual) summit COVID,
Climate, Children, and
Schools in April 2021*



Hero: 2021

Veronika Carella, Parent Advocate

For her dedicated work to
advance safer, greener
products in schools and
better indoor air

*She accepted the award
during our (virtual) summit
COVID, Climate, Children,
and Schools in 2021.*



Hero: 2019

Trina M. Anglin, MD

Below, Claire Barnett presents Healthy Schools Network's Hero Award to pediatrician Trina M. Anglin, MD, for her dedicated efforts to promote children's healthy development. Dr. Anglin coordinates the National Coordinating Committee on School Health and Safety (NCCSHS), comprised of scores of national nonprofits and several federal agencies from her office at the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of HHS' Health Resources and Services Administration in Rockville, MD. *Photo credit: V. Carella, NCCSHS annual meeting, May 2019.*



Hero: 2019

**Daniela Kunz,
Founder, Parents for
Student Safety,
Tennessee**



Her persistence and ability to work with educators, parents, and environment and health advocates have helped spur efforts to remove toxic products from schools and to improve school indoor air quality.



Hero: 2016



Mary Filardo, Founder and Executive Director, 21st Century Schools Fund

(L-R): Jerome Paulson, MD; Network Executive Director Claire Barnett;
Board President Chip Halverson, ND; Board Members Carolyn Smith-
Evans, MS, and David Carpenter, MD

Conference Reception, Washington, DC, June 2016



Hero: 2016

Angelo J. Bellomo

Deputy Director for Health Protection for the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health. Previously, Director of Environmental Health for Los Angeles County. Before coming to the Department of Public Health, Bellomo was Director of Environmental Health and Safety for Los Angeles Unified School District and a past member of US EPA Children's Health Protection federal Advisory Committee.

*Environmental Health at School
National Conference
convened by Healthy Schools Network
Washington, DC, June 2016
(remotely via video conference)*



Hero: 2016

US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)

Champion for improving
school environments and
children's environmental
health at school and
supporting resources for US
EPA



Hero: 2014



Jerome A. Paulson, MD (third from left) with Board members (L-R) Carolyn Smith-Evans, MS; Linda Mendonca, RN; Board President Chip Halverson, ND; Lloyd J. Kolbe, PhD; and David Carpenter, MD
At American Academy of Pediatrics, Washington, DC, December 2014



Hero: 2013



CT State Senator John McKinney (R - Newtown);
Claire Barnett; Joellen Lawson, CT Foundation for Environmentally Safe
Schools and CT Sierra Club's Martin Mador

National Healthy Schools Day Workshop, Hartford, CT, April 2013



Two Heroes: 2013



Bill Walsh and Arthur Weissman. L to R: Board Member David Carpenter, MD; **Walsh, Founder and Executive/Healthy Building Network and Arthur Weissman, President and CEO/Green Seal;** Tolle Graham/MassCOSH, Network Board Chair John Shaw, and Executive Director Claire Barnett. At APHA, *Washington, DC, June 2013*



Five Heroes: 2010



L to R: **Bob Axelrad, US EPA; Jennie Young, NEA-HIN; Chip Halverson, ND, Co-founder NEA Healthy Schools Caucus; Kenneth Olden, PhD, Founding Dean of School of Public Health at CUNY and Former Director NIEHS; Denise Bowles, AFSCME.** *Breakfast Reception, Washington, DC, January 2010.*



Hero: 2009



US Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ)

L-R: John Shaw, Claire Barnett, **Senator Lautenberg**; Laura Abulafia/AAIDD, and Nsedu Obot-Witherspoon/CEHN

Washington, DC, January 2009



Three Heroes: 2008



At front, Board Member Ramona Trovato. First row L-R: Network's Jen Sentar; NYS First Lady Michelle Paterson; Network Executive Director Claire Barnett; **children's health advocates Frederica Perera, DrPH, David Carpenter, MD, and Phil Landrigan, MD;** host Annie Pleshette Murphy; Board Chair John Shaw. Back row: Peter Lehner, NRDC; Network's NYS Director Stephen Boese.
*New York City Panel Discussion and Reception, October 2008,
at the New York Times Center*



Hero: 2007



NY Assemblyman Steve Englebright presents **Award to NY Assemblyman Robert Sweeney**. At left: Board Members Jeff Jones and Neal Tepel. At right: Executive Director Claire Barnett.
Huntington UFSD, Long Island, NY, October 2007



Hero: 2007



**Architect Charles Eley,
Founding Executive
Director,
Collaborative for High
Performance Schools
(CHPS.net)**

Sacramento, CA, October 2007



Three Heroes: 2007



Ramona Trovato, US EPA, Barbara Worth, CEFPI, and Carolyn Smith Evans, NEA Healthy Schools Caucus, with Network Board President John Shaw, Executive Director Claire Barnett, and Program Manager Jen Sentar
Washington, DC, April 2007.



Hero: 2007



Tolle Graham/MassCOSH, with Executive Director Claire Barnett, NYS school facility director Alan Wakefield, Bobbi Chase Wilding, Ginny Mott/ME PTA, NYS Director Stephen Boese, and Carol Westinghouse/VPIRG. *Albany, NY, June 2007.*



Three Heroes: 2006



NYSUT President Dick Iannuzzi, NY LCV Executive Marcia Bystryn, NYC Councilman Robert Jackson, with award presenters Peggy Shepard/WEACT; Joyce Bove/NYCT; Denis Hughes/NYS AFL-CIO, and event host and Broadway star James Naughton
Evening Reception, New York City, October 2006.

*Not pictured, **honoree Helena Rose Durst** for **The Durst Organization**.*



Hero: 2005



Former Maryland Governor Parris N. Glendening/Smart Growth Leadership Institute

L-R: Network Board Member Tom Anapolis, Executive Director Claire Barnett,
Board Member Ramona Trovato, NYS Director Stephen Boese *Breakfast event,*
Washington, DC, September 2005



Three Heroes: 2004



NYS Education Department, accepted by Chuck Szuberla, **NYSERDA**, accepted by Peter Smith, with outgoing Board Chair **Kit Kennedy/NRDC**, incoming Board Chair Leyla McCurdy, and Executive Director Claire Barnett. *At Four Times Square, New York City, October 2004*



Schools of Ground Zero

2002

HS Network's Claire Barnett honors **journalist Sarah Bartlett** who researched and co-authored with her architect husband **John Petrarca** *Schools of Ground Zero: Early Lessons Learned in Children's Environmental Health* (Healthy Schools Network and APHA, 2002).



Hero: 2001



US Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, (D-NY)

*At Scotia-Glenville School District, girls soccer team practice,
August 2001*



Two Heroes: 2000



NYS Assemblyman Steve Englebright with Ken Scallon, American Lung Association, Assembly members Sanders and Gottfried; Healthy Schools Network board and staff.

Albany, NY, June 2000

*Not pictured, **Hero NYS Assemblyman Tom DiNapoli.***



Thank you and congratulations
to all our Heroes!



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