

## ASPIRE TRIO Achiever Awards

- 1984  
Terry Lee Williams, UT  
Colleen Crystal Reuter, ND  
Florence McGeshick Garcia, MT
- 1985  
Robert M. Federico, MT  
Charles J. Maldonado, CO  
Diane M. Zephier, SD
- 1986  
Maria Connie Espino, CO  
Kathy Pollare-Gille, WY\*  
Charles Duane Swick, SD
- 1987  
Dr. Richard Duran, CO\* Sylvia  
Laughter Featherhat, UT  
Paulette McIntash, CO
- 1988  
Mitchell Davis, WY\*  
Richard Gonzales, CO  
Linda Wald, ND
- 1989  
Susan Lawson, WY  
Melvin Murdock, UT  
Robert Tailfeathers, MT\*
- 1990  
Brenda Dupris, SD  
Tony Hernandez, CO\*  
Richard Ortiz, WY
- 1991  
Woody Absher, WY  
Archie Bryan Beauvais, SD\*  
Cleota Rae Burnette, SD
- 1992  
Tony Montoya, CO  
Ernest P. Pepion, MT\*  
Cheryl Presley, CO
- 1993  
Dia Cha, CO  
Fidelia E. Gomez Muniz, CO\*  
Patty Wells, SD
- 1994  
Gloria Collins, MT  
Mary Ruth G. Salazar-Tier, CO\*
- 1995  
Gary Munn, UT

Steve Emery, SD\*  
Cynthia A Smith, ND

1996  
Juan Abran DeHerrera, WY  
Margie Thomas Giauque, ND  
Lawerence Phillip Hernandez, CO

1997  
Ruth Erickson,ND  
Jennifer Fyten, SD  
Laura Lee Monroe, MT

1998  
Pat Lawson, WY  
Lisa R Roy, CO  
Dale Warby, UT

1999  
Willis Davis, ND  
Joseph Rogers, CO  
Helen Y. Smith, MT

2000  
Carol C Juneau, MT  
Abel C Ortiz, UT  
Dionne Anita Voss, CO

2001  
Willie Hepworth, CO  
Susan Bornsen, ND  
Floyd Ortiz, CO  
Shari Aaker, SD

2002  
Gloria Lopez, CO  
Leander Russell McDonald, ND \*  
Patrick Wempe, SD

2003  
Tawnya Beermann, SD  
Kristina Lizardy, CO  
Dane Person, SD

2004  
Justin Falon, SD  
Michael Huela, SD  
Tara Ruttley, CO

2005  
Karen Grabanski, ND  
Devona Lone Wolf, SD  
Rebecca Harders Watson, SD

2006  
Dr. Angelica Lawson, WY  
Johnavae Quinn, CO

2007 Dr. David Yarlott, MT  
Derrick Haynes, CO  
Raymond Long, UT  
Carlos Valverde, CO

2008 Carla Arlien, ND  
Jay Harris, MT  
Regina Kerr, ND

2009 Melissa Buffalo, SD  
Shaun Eastman, SD  
Matthew Soupkup, SD

2010 Amy Fisher, ND  
Rusty Reynolds, WY  
Robert Hewitt, ND

2011 Tim Border, UT  
Jason Castillo, WY  
Elisa Guardiola Melendez-Eisman, CO

2012 Mark Leavitt, UT  
Josh Nicholas, WY  
William Pigott, UT

2013 David Sawyer, UT  
Peni Mouna, SD  
Heidi Demars, ND

2014 Joyce Belbas, ND  
Brandon Caste, ND  
Dylan Waite, MT

2015 Jeanne Nelson, UT  
Travis Kimsey, WY  
Elizabeth Mullins, MT

2016 Charles Cordova, WY  
Patricia Jordheim, ND  
Emily Ferguson-Steger, MT

2017 Stacey Jackson-Roberts, UT  
Christopher Wiegenstein, MT  
Danielle Olden, WY

2018

Daniel Mullendore, WY  
Annie Belcourt, MT  
Joshua Tharaldson, ND

2019

David Rivera, WY  
Jessica Rizzuto WY

*\*National TRIO Achiever Recipient*

## **ASPIRE Rising Stars**

1986 Chris Primus University of Wyoming  
1987 Boni Fullmer University of Wyoming  
1988 Elaine Metcalfe University of North Dakota  
1989 Nate Easley Colorado State University  
1990 Jennifer Grandi Weber State University  
1991 Jane Van Dyke Rocky Mountain College  
1992 Rene Strege University of North Dakota  
1993 Farah Thompson Weber State University  
1994 Sheree Deaderick University of Wyoming  
1995 Susan Schaeffer University of Wyoming  
1996 Judy Cowger University of North Dakota  
1997 Lynn Carlson ASPIRE Training Institute  
1998 Tami Newton Southern Utah University  
2000 Carmen Rivera Colorado State University  
2001 Ruth Ann Shope Montana Tech of the University of Montana  
2002 Jeffrey Maras South Dakota State University  
2003 Dawn Eckhardt University of North Dakota  
2004 Angela Young Utah Valley State College  
2005 Andrea Schneider University of South Dakota  
2006 Dennis Stangl University of North Dakota  
2007 Barbara Sullivan Montana State University—Billings  
2008 Tina Hartley Dakota Wesleyan  
2009 Lori Brown-Wirth University of Wyoming  
2010 Cara Davis University of North Dakota  
2011 Roxana Luna Weber State University  
2012 Michelle Carroll Laramie County Community College  
2013 Lucy Paltoo Colorado State University  
2014 Angel Ruiz Colorado State University  
2015 Nora Leinen Black Hills State University  
2016 Ally Garcia Metropolitan State University  
2017 Anthonie Nichols Utah State University  
2018 Alexandria Norlund University of North Dakota  
2019 Stephanie Moya Community College of Denver

## **Friend of ASPIRE Awards**

1986 Dr. James Hurst University of Wyoming  
1988 Sue Spencer University of Montana  
1989 President Thomas Clifford University of North Dakota  
1990 Joseph Lynn Lee College of Eastern Utah  
1991 Dr. Gordon Henry University of North Dakota  
1993 Jim Flightner University of Montana  
1994 Terry Webb University of North Dakota  
1995 Georgia Beth Thompson Southern Utah University  
1996 Katie Jean Larsen Snow College  
1997 Daniel J. Bradley Montana  
1998 Dr. Leigh Jeanotte North Dakota  
1999 Toni Weight Utah  
2000 Mary Ontiveros Colorado  
2002 Brandon McLean Montana  
2003 Alice Hoffert University of North Dakota  
2005 Susan B Patton Montana Tech  
2006 Dr. Charles H. Bohlen Laramie County Community College  
2007 Dr. Blanche Hughes Colorado State University  
2008 Patrick Clarke Southern Utah University  
2009 Paul Schierer Pence & MacMillan LLC  
2010 Marysz Rames South Dakota State University  
2011 Carl Porter Weber State University  
2012 Carmen Alldredge Southern Utah University  
2013 Amy Parsons Colorado State University  
2014 Wally Erhardt Bank of North Dakota  
2015 Dr. Cynthia Pemberton Dickinson State University  
2016 Hannah Van Hoose Montana Tech  
2017 Carmen Alldredge Southern Utah University  
2018 Timothy Downs Northern State University  
2019 Tom Biedscheid Colorado State University

## **Champion of TRIO Awards**

1992 Tim Wirth, Senator CO  
1993 Wayne Owens, Congressman UT  
1995 Rosemarie Myrdal, Lieutenant Governor ND  
1997 Conrad Burns, Senator MT  
2002 Kent Conrad, Senator ND  
2003 Jack Spiker, Mayor, City of Cheyenne WY  
2004 Craig Thomas, Senator WY  
2005 Jim Matheson, Congressman UT  
2006 Becket Hinckley, Wyoming House of Representatives, District 41 WY  
2008 Earl Pomeroy, Congressman ND

2009 Tim Johnson, Senator SD  
2011 Max Banens, Senator MT and Jon Tester, Senator MT  
2012 Floyd Esquibel, State Legislator, District 8 WY  
2013 Jared Polis, Representative, District 2 CO  
2018 Daneya Esgar, Representative, District 46 CO  
2019 Jared Polis, Governor of Colorado

## **ASPIRE Retirees**

1987

Abelina Megill, Utah State University UT  
Nancy Robinson, Southern Utah University UT

1988

Phil Rognlie, North Dakota State University ND  
Carole Chandler, Dawson Community College MT

1989

Carol Tourtellotte, University of Utah UT

1992

Mark Schumm, North Dakota State University ND  
Beverly Spradley, Metropolitan State College CO

1993

Lester Emmett, University of Utah UT

1994

Janice Hart, Flathead Valley Community College MT

1998

Dr. Phyllis Brown, Trinidad State Junior College CO

1999

Geraldine Aragon, Colorado State University CO  
Linda Hoines, Montana State University – *Northern* MT  
Mel Jordan, Flathead Valley Community College MT  
Suellen Palya, University of North Dakota ND  
Lori Swanson, University of North Dakota ND

2000

Carole Aspinwall, University of Wyoming WY  
Alyce Milton, Colorado State University CO  
Glenn Morris, Metropolitan State College CO  
Joseph Primeau, University of North Dakota ND

2001

Allyn Bachoroski, Trinidad State Junior College CO

2003

Magdalena Gallegos, Denver Educational Opportunity Center CO  
Marianne Griffin, Fort Lewis College CO

2004

Barry Ballard, University of Wyoming WY  
Barbara Cozort, Weber State University UT

Yvette Hunt, Community College of Denver CO  
Kathy Jackson, University of Colorado – Denver CO  
Michael Paradise, Northern State University SD

2005  
Deatta Chapel, Black Hills State University SD  
Mary Lukin, Montana State University MT  
Anne Wilcox, Colorado State University CO

2006  
Fuji Adachi, University of Wyoming WY  
Carol Eckhardt, University of Wyoming WY  
Neil Reuter, University of North Dakota ND  
Jerrye Garcia-Swift, Trinidad State Junior College CO

2007  
Loya Garrett, Dixie State College UT  
Bob Haddock, University of Great Falls MT  
Joyce Kronholm, Montana State University-Northern MT  
Bud Sather, Flathead Valley Community College MT

2008  
Mike Garcia, Adams State College CO  
Billie James, University of South Dakota SD  
Jim Kopecky, Weber State University UT

2009  
Mike Medina, Colorado State University-Pueblo CO  
Chuck Swick, University of South Dakota SD

2010  
Ray Carlisle, University of Montana MT  
Colleen Reuter, North Dakota State University ND  
Donna Rigby, Weber State University UT  
Patricia Trotman, Metropolitan State College of Denver CO

2011  
Kathy Felker, University of Utah UT

2012  
Barbara Burkart, Salt Lake Community College UT  
Charlie Luecke, University of South Dakota SD  
Anthony Wojcik, Utah State University Blanding UT

2013  
Jan Chavez, Community College of Denver CO  
Rene DuBay, Montana Office of the Commissioner of Higher Ed MT  
Theresa Leiphon, Lake Region State College ND  
Andrea Reeve, Colorado State University CO  
Ray Carlisle, University of Montana MT  
Mary Lukin, Montana State University MT  
David Trujillo, Weber State University UT

2014  
Elaine Metcalfe, University of North Dakota ND  
Charlene Herron, Flathead Valley Community College MT

- Roberta Kuderna, Dickinson State University ND  
 Maraia Weingarten, Utah Valley University UT  
 Wayne Olsen, University of Wyoming WY
- 2015  
 Randy Wilson, Weber State University UT  
 Donalyn Sessions, Weber State University UT  
 Lynn Farris, Flathead Valley Community College MT  
 Jackie Smitham, Montana Tech MT  
 Dan Voermans, Flathead Valley Community College MT  
 David Megquier, University of Maine ME
- 2016  
 Ray Smith, North Dakota State University ND  
 Zackie Salmon, University of Wyoming WY  
 Sher Warren, Laramie County Community College WY  
 Paul Thayer, Colorado State University CO  
 Pamela Osborne, Metropolitan State University CO  
 Delmar Hamilton, Community College of Denver CO
- 2017  
 John Shafer, Southern Utah University UT  
 Lynne Brown, Southern Utah University UT  
 Linda Ornowski, Montana State University Northern MT  
 Marty Foxman, Montana State University Northern MT
- 2018  
 Lori Brown-Wirth, University of Wyoming WY  
 Susan Hupp, Black Hills State University SD  
 Veronica Chavez, Colorado State University Pueblo CO  
 Nancy Whatley, Otero Junior College CO
- 2019  
 Pamela Richardson, University of Wyoming WY  
 Linda Tobias, Weber State University UT  
 Rob Rust, Montana State University MT  
 Teresa DeHerrera, University of Colorado Denver CO  
 Oscar Felix, Colorado State University CO  
 Michael Manos, Colorado State University Pueblo CO

## **ART QUINN Awards**

- 1987 Abelina Megill SSS/UB Utah State University  
 1988 Phil Rognlie SSS/UB/VUB North Dakota State  
 1989 Kathryn Felker SSS/UB University of Utah  
 1990 Paul Thayer UB/TS Colorado State University  
 1991 Bonnie Helm TRIO Programs University of Wyoming  
 1992 Kelly Espinoza SSS Metropolitan State College  
 1993 Juan Pineda TRIO Programs University of Southern  
 1994 Carol Gritts UB Black Hills State University  
 1995 Elaine Metcalfe TS University of North Dakota



1996 Ray Carlisle SSS University of Montana  
1997 Neil Reuter TRIO Programs University of North Dakota  
1998 Barry Ballard TRIO Programs University of Wyoming  
1999 Mary Lukin SSS Montana State University  
2000 Billie James SSS University of South Dakota  
2001 Chuck Swick TRIO Programs University of South Dakota  
2002 Jim Kopecky VUB Weber State University  
2003 David Trujillo UB Weber State University  
2004 Andrea Reeve COE Colorado State University  
2005 Joan Jorde SSS University of North Dakota  
2006 Barb Burkart SSS Salt Lake Community College  
2007 Fuji Adachi TRIO Programs University of Wyoming  
2008 Charlie Luecke UB University of South Dakota  
2009 Cheryl Kingsbury SSS University of North Dakota  
2010 Lynne Browne SSS Southern Utah University  
2011 Oscar Felix TRIO Programs Colorado State University  
2012 Amy Verlanic TRIO Programs Montana Tech  
2013 John Shafer SSS Southern Utah University  
2014 Dan Bengé TRIO Programs MSU Billings  
2015 Michael Wade TRIO Programs University of Wyoming  
2016 Susan Hupp SSS Black Hills State University  
2017 Zackie Salmon McNair University of Wyoming  
2018 Maria de Lourdes Zavala TRIO Programs Colorado State University  
2019 Patrice Giese McNair University of North Dakota