

# 2017 ADVOCACY AWARDS DINNER

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# Recipients

## 2017 ADVOCACY AWARDS



The Honorable Michael Castle; Joseph Biden;  
William N. Hait, M.D.

### *Gordon and Llura Gund Leadership Award*

#### **Joseph Biden**

*47th Vice President of the United States*

“We can make many more chronic diseases not cost you your life, but only if we break down barriers and cooperate more. I see the day a patient is given the right therapy the first time when they are diagnosed. I see the day when prevention is more effective, and where care is personalized and more effective with less side effects.”



The Honorable Lamar Alexander;  
The Honorable Michael Castle

### *Edwin C. Whitehead Award for Medical Research Advocacy*

#### **The Honorable Lamar Alexander**

*U.S. Senator (R-TN)*

“Congress has been a little slow on finding areas they can agree on, but one thing we can agree on is the importance of biomedical research. Last year, Congress passed, and the President signed into law, the 21st Century Cures Act. This bipartisan law will help virtually every American family by taking advantage of breathtaking advances in medical research and bringing those safe innovations to doctors’ offices and patients’ medical cabinets more rapidly.”



Anthony S. Fauci, M.D.;  
The Honorable John Edward Porter

### *Legacy Award*

#### **Anthony S. Fauci, M.D.**

*Director of the National Institute of  
Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the  
National Institutes of Health*

“With every presidential term there have been public health challenges, and the biomedical research enterprise rose to each challenge... The common denominator of these efforts is that it all started with fundamental basic biomedical research that paved the way for the translation of discoveries to meaningful advances and even solutions to some of these formidable health challenges.”





Kathy Bates; Harold L. Paz, M.D., M.S.



Tom Hutton; Mara Hutton;  
Leland H. Hartwell, Ph.D.



Jonathan Sackler; Phillip Sharp, Ph.D.;  
Rush Holt, Ph.D.

## Isadore Rosenfeld Award for Impact on Public Opinion

## Geoffrey Beene Builders of Science Award

## Raymond and Beverly Sackler Award for Sustained National Leadership

### Kathy Bates

Award-winning Actress and Lymphatic Education & Research Network Spokesperson

“With this recognition you are bringing hope to cancer survivors that will develop LE. You give parents whose children are born with lymphatic diseases reason for optimism. You recognize the suffering of our military veterans whose lymphedema stems from wounds they received protecting our country. And you tell those with lower extremity LE who often lose mobility that they are no longer forgotten.”



### Leland H. Hartwell, Ph.D.

Nobel Laureate and Director of the Pathfinder Center at Arizona State University's Biodesign Institute and Virginia G. Piper Chair of Personalized Medicine

“I realized how fortunate I have been in my career to have been at a number of excellent institutions that supported me. I realized that the values the culture brings in those institutions goes back often to the founders and their values. With that, I'd like to recognize the Fred Hutch Cancer Research Institution as one of those institutions that supports great science through its culture and values, something I learned first-hand as the president and director of the institution for over a decade.”



### Phillip A. Sharp, Ph.D.

Nobel Laureate and Institute Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

“Encouragingly, across the country and in federal initiatives like the BRAIN Initiative and the Cancer Moonshot, convergence of engineering, physical and computer science with life science research is becoming an increasingly high priority. This is essential to enable a future of better quality health care at an affordable cost.”



Sandra Raymond; Susan Manzi, M.D., MPH; Pippy Rogers; Allie Gutshall; The Honorable Kweisi Mfume

## Paul G. Rogers Distinguished Organization Advocacy Award

### The Lupus Foundation of America

Accepted by

**Susan Manzi, M.D., MPH**

Co-founder and Director of the Lupus Center of Excellence



“We are at the brink of medical breakthroughs and we're going to be relentless in our efforts until we get there. We have to be advocates for biomedical research and it should be a national priority. But we need partners—we need the NIH, the federal government—the CDC, the FDA—and together we can realize our vision.”

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