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Robin Roberts
ABC’s “Good Morning America”

“Because of research, because of nights like this, because of funds that are raised, because of awareness, you give those who are facing a health challenge and their families such a gift, and that gift is hope.”

Raymond and Beverly Sackler Award for Sustained National Leadership

Kenneth Olden, Ph.D.
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s National Center for Environmental Assessment

“I grew up in an impoverished, rural community in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in Tennessee. Illiteracy, malnutrition, infant mortality and lack of opportunity were common place … I was concerned and fearful that the world I was moving into would change me in such a way that I could never go home again … Research!America, thank you for this award, and for certification that I am the same person who left Tennessee in 1956 … because of this recognition, I can go home again.”

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Society for Neuroscience (SfN)
Steven E. Hyman, M.D., President

“In some ways, the foundations for this award began with the founding of the society in 1969. In a way that was very forward looking, those early neuroscientists who founded the society made public outreach and advocacy fundamental aspects of the society’s mission.”
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“We are challenging the status quo of how researchers do research. I’d like to call the people that we’ve hired disruptors, because I’ve given them permission to fail to unlock the secrets of these illnesses and diseases and in the process move from the bench to bedside in a much more deliberate and rapid way.”

—Van Andel

“There are new therapies, drugs targeting the BRCA 2 tumor’s ability to repair damage and the tumor’s cells are destroyed. My message is don’t give up America, we are close to the finish line.”

—Vande Woude

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The Honorable Fred Upton
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—Upton

“I am honored to be the recipient of an distinguished legacy and to join in the work that Jack [Whitehead] cared about so deeply.”

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