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# 1979 ASTD Award Winners Announced

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The National Awards Committee has chosen the ASTD national award winners for 1979. Many qualified nominees were considered. The Committee would like to express their appreciation to the individuals, organizations, chapters, regions

and divisions which participated.

The National Awards Committee extends sincere congratulations to the following ASTD 1979 Award Winners:

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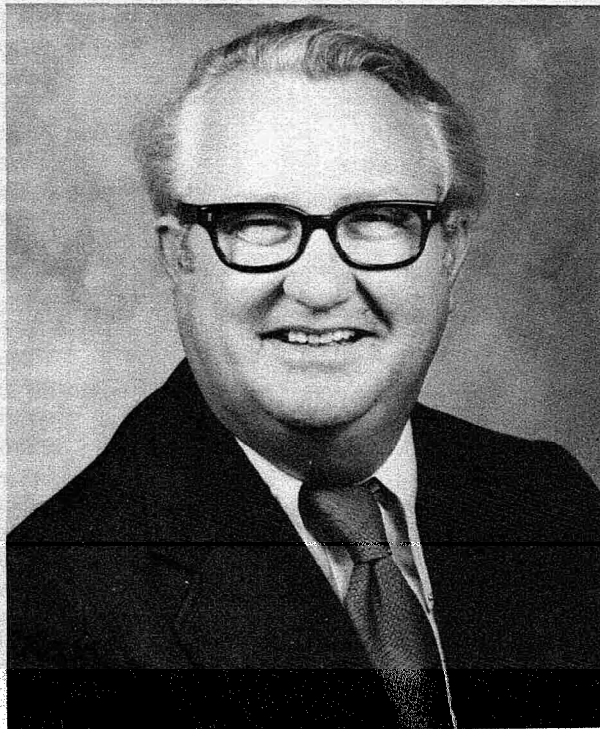
## Gordon M. Bliss Award

Forrest R. Belcher, a management and training consultant, Tulsa, OK, has been an active member of ASTD for 25 years. In addition to being a past president of the Houston and Tulsa Chapters, he served for 10 years on the Society's National Board of Directors, including holding the national presidency in 1970.

Among the many accomplishments Forrest achieved before his retirement from Standard Oil Company earlier this year, was the establishment of the organization's Training Management and Organization Management Department. Previously there was no centralized, coordinated training function within Standard — one of the largest corporations in America.

Forrest was instrumental in arranging ASTD's first real exploration of international training activities in 1962. Through his contacts in the Middle East, executive secretary Gordon Bliss visited trainers in Turkey and Egypt.

In connection with his inter-



**Forrest R. Belcher**

national interest he chaired the International Committee for two years and worked closely with trainers in Latin America and Southeast Asia. He also chaired the First International Training and Development Conference in Geneva, Switzerland, out of which emerged IFTDO.

Many of Forrest's contributions

to the world of training have been through his employer and ASTD.

He has worked with many volunteer organizations on leadership, communications and team building. Just within the last year he has trained supervisory teams in the Oklahoma Welfare Department; innovated team-building and problem identification with a black theatre group; and visited various campuses to talk with students about careers in the training profession.

He is the founder and present head of the Woodlands Group, a voluntary, non-profit organization of leading training consultants and directors that

meets quarterly to consider training issues in our organizations and society. He also helped design three National ASTD Conferences: Miami in 1969, Anaheim in 1970 and Anaheim again in 1980.

Established to perpetuate the memory of ASTD's first executive director, the Gordon M. Bliss Memorial Award is the highest an individual can receive from ASTD.

# Individual Awards

## ASTD TORCH AWARDS:

**FOR CONTRIBUTION TO ASTD:** David Jamieson, MRG Associates, Los Angeles, CA; Rob Jones, Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, AZ; Walt Thompson, Center for Management Development, Fairfield, CA.

**FOR CONTRIBUTION TO EMPLOYER:** John C. Donovan, Johnson Controls, Inc., Milwaukee, WI; Bernard M. Kessler, Automatic Data Processing, Inc., Clifton, NJ; Milton Scheiber, Lone Star Industries, Inc., Greenwich, CT.

**FOR CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY/NATION:** Jack Davis, Texas American Bancshares, Fort Worth, TX.

**INNOVATION AND TRAINING TECHNOLOGY AWARD (By an Organization):** Creative Universal, Southfield, MI.

**OD PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR AWARD (Organization Development Division):** Jack Davis, Texas American Bancshares, Fort Worth, TX.

**JAMES R. BALL MEMORIAL AWARD (Sales Training Division):** Jan Montgomery, Options, Inc., Houston, TX.

**MEDIA COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD (Media Division):** Ronald R. Nicoson, Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY.

**INTERNATIONAL TRAINER OF THE YEAR AWARD (International Division):** Vincent A. Miller, Whirlpool Corp., Benton Harbor, MI.

**TECHNICAL TRAINER OF THE YEAR AWARD (Technical/Skills Training Division):** William E. Jones, Thiol/Wasatch Division, Brigham City, UT.

# Chapter Awards

## NATIONAL CHAPTER EXCELLENCE AWARDS:

- Group 3: Austin Chapter
- Group 4: Washington State Chapter
- Group 5: Connecticut Chapter

## PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTION AWARD:

### Membership:

- Southern Connecticut Chapter
- South Central Wisconsin Chapter
- Nebraska Chapter
- Rocky Mountain Chapter
- St. Louis Chapter
- Greater Atlanta Chapter

### Chapter Management:

- South Central Wisconsin Chapter
- Kansas City Chapter
- Los Angeles Chapter
- Orange County Chapter
- Valley of the Sun Chapter
- Greater Atlanta Chapter

### Communications:

- Pittsburgh Chapter

- Western Michigan Chapter
- Wisconsin Chapter
- Rocky Mountain Chapter
- Greater Atlanta Chapter
- Miami Chapter

### Programming:

- Southern Minnesota Chapter

### Professional Development:

- Northern New Jersey Chapter
- Los Angeles Chapter
- Valley of the Sun Chapter

### Research-Community Services:

- South Central Wisconsin Chapter
- Sacramento Chapter

### Innovation:

- Illinois Training & Development Assoc.
- Wisconsin Chapter
- Golden Gate Chapter

## NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARDS:

- Group 1: Permian Basin Chapter
- Group 2: Kentuckiana Chapter
- Group 3: El Camino Chapter
- Group 4: South Central Wisconsin Chapter
- Group 5: Greater Atlanta Chapter

## REGIONAL CHAPTER EXCELLENCE AWARDS:

- Region 1:** Connecticut Chapter  
Northern New Jersey Chapter  
Southern Connecticut Chapter
- Region 2:** Central Pennsylvania Chapter  
Washington, DC Chapter
- Region 3:** Central Ohio Chapter  
Genesee Valley Chapter  
Greater Cleveland Chapter  
Pittsburgh Chapter
- Region 4:** Bluegrass Chapter  
Kentuckiana Chapter  
Piedmont Chapter
- Region 5:** Fort Wayne Chapter  
Greater Detroit Chapter  
Illinois Training & Development Association  
South Central Wisconsin Chapter  
Western Michigan Chapter  
Wisconsin Chapter
- Region 6:** Central Missouri Chapter  
Iowa Chapter  
Kansas City Chapter  
Nebraska Chapter  
Rocky Mountain Chapter  
St. Louis Chapter  
Southern Minnesota Chapter
- Region 7:** Austin Chapter  
Dallas Chapter  
Oklahoma Chapter  
Tulsa Green Country Chapter
- Region 8:** Golden Gate Chapter  
Los Angeles Chapter  
Orange County Chapter  
Sacramento Chapter  
Valley of the Sun Chapter  
Washington State Chapter
- Region 9:** Alabama Chapter  
Greater Atlanta Chapter  
Miami Chapter  
Northeast Florida Chapter  
Suncoast Chapter