

County of Los Angeles Commission on Human Relations Past John Anson Ford Human Relations Award Recipients

John Allen Buggs Leadership Awardees

- 2023 Kent Wong, UCLA Labor Center director, attorney, human rights advocate and activist
- 2022 Sheila Kuehl, civil rights attorney, state legislator, county supervisor
- 2021 Mary Culbert, attorney, law professor, pioneering mediator and mediation trainer
- 2020 Rev. James M. Lawson, Jr., civil rights activist, nonviolence theorist, trainer, and practitioner
- 2019 Dr. Virginia Uribe, teacher, advocate for LGBTQ youth, co-founder of Project 10
- 2018 Ronald Wakabayashi, Regional Director, U.S. Justice Department’s Community Relations Service
Mary Louise Longoria, former LACCHR staff
- 2017 Vaka Faletau, Tongan community advocate, LA County’s Children and Family Services
- 2016 Michelle Guymon, LA County’s Commercially Sexually Exploited Children
- 2008 Rabbi Harold Schulweiss
- 2007 Bo Taylor and Harry Belafonte
- 2006 Dr. Maher Hathout
- 2005 Zara Buggs Taylor
- 2004 Father Greg Boyle, S.J.
- 2003 Gordon Davidson, Center Theatre Group
- 2002 Constance Rice
- 2001 Stanley K. Sheinbaum
- 2000 Stephen N. Thom
- 1998 William J. Rosendahl
- 1997 Al Martinez

Yvonne B. Burke Courage Awardees

- 2023 Dolores Huerta, lifetime leader for rights of farmworkers and women
- 2022 Esther, Lim, entrepreneur and anti-hate activist
- 2021 Hong Lee, hate target turned activist
- 2020 Dr. Barbara Ferrer, philanthropic strategist, researcher, Director of LA County Public Health
- 2019 Patricia Gándara, UCLA Civil Rights Project

- 2018 Mario Angel Escobar, Mission College
- 2017 Claudia Rueda, DACA youth activist
- 2017 W. Kamau Bell, Host of CNN’s “United Shades of America”
- 2016 Renee Tajima-Peña, Award-winning documentary filmmaker
- 2014 Los Angeles LGBT Center, Lifeworks Mentoring, Models of Pride
- 2013 Council for Immigrant Integration
- 2011 Ramona Ripston, Civil Rights Leader
- 2010 KC Porter
- 2008 Youth Radio
- 2007 Ozomatli
- 2006 R.J. Cutler, Actual Reality Pictures
- 2005 Lucky Altman
- 2004 Sonia Nazario
- 2003 “The West Wing” – Aaron Sorkin, Thomas Schlamme, John Wells
- 2003 Tony Valdez, KTTV-Fox 11
- 2002 Patricia Arquette

John Anson Ford Supervisorial District Awards

First District -

- 2023 Stop Hate Survey, Asian Youth Center
- 2022 Comunidades Indígenas en Liderazgo
- 2021 Change West Covina
- 2020 “Brothers, Sons, Selves Coalition”, Inncity Struggle
- 2019 “Club Scum”, Rodolfo Garcia and Ray Sanchez
- 2018 “Through Our Eyes” project, Legacy LA
- 2017 Gay-Straight Alliance Club, Santee High School
- 2016 Media Done Responsibly
- 2014 UCLA Labor Center’s Dream Resource Center
- 2013 New America Media Ethnic Media Awards Gala
- 2011 Jonnie Owens, Pomona Valley Community Leader
- 2010 REACH LA
- 2008 Homegirl Café
- 2007 Bernardo Rosa & The Pomona Youth

Commission
 2006 Multi-ethnic Immigrant Workers Organizing Network (MIWON)
 2005 Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress (NCRR)
 2004 The Cesar E. Chavez Foundation
 2003 Dreamyard LA
 2002 Project 10 (LAUSD)
 2001 Cpt. Karen Pihlak, Azusa Police Department
 2000 YWCA of Greater Los Angeles
 1999 Michael P. Judge, Chief Public Defender

Second District -

2023 Testif-i Program, A New Way of Life
 2022 Build Plus Community Marketplace
 2021 Black/Asian/Pacific Islander Youth Solidarity Project of Project 4R
 2020 Community Action Team 911
 2019 Transformative Engagement Initiative, the Guibord Center
 2018 Transgender Health Program, St. John’s Well Child and Family Center
 2017 25th Anniversary Commemoration Project of 1992 L.A. Uprising, Community Coalition
 2016 S.T.A.R. (Succeeding Through Achievement and Resilience) Court, LA County
 2014 Advancement Project’s Urban Peace Academy
 2013 Victim Offender Restitution Services (VORS), a project of Centinela Youth Services
 2011 Mia F. Yamamoto, Civil and Human Rights Activist & Defense Attorney
 2010 Watts Village Theater Company
 2008 California African American Museum
 2007 Diane Schweitzer & Healthy Start Collaborative at Gardena High School
 2006 Black Aids Institute – Los Angeles
 2005 Dr. Sylvia Rousseau, LAUSD
 2004 Children’s Enrichment Program
 2003 Watts Labor Community Action Committee
 2002 Community Coalition – South Central Youth Empowered Through Action
 2001 Foshay Peer Mediation Program
 2000 Cornerstone Theater Company
 1999 Facing History and Ourselves

Third District -

2023 Academic Scholarship Program, GALAS

LGBTQ+ Armenian Society
 2022 Santa Monica Mountains Recreation Area Youth Program
 2021 Social Resources Project of Los Angeles Education Partnership/Northeast Valley Best Start
 2020 Students 4 Students Bruin/Trojan Shelter
 2019 “Youth United Towards Environmental Protection”, Pacoima Beautiful
 2018 “Change the Talk” project, The National Council of Jewish Women
 2017 Youth and Parent Leadership Project, Somos Familia Valle
 2016 Young Warriors Project, Tia Chucha’s Centro Cultural and Bookstore
 2014 Jack London Continuation High School and Community Day School Peace Academies’ Jack London Peace Conference
 2013 Community-School Parks, a project of People for Parks
 2011 Daniel Ballin, Director of Clinical Services, Covenant House California
 2010 The Legal Services Dept. of The L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center
 2008 The Juvenile Justice Task Force
 2007 Dave Velasquez, Director of Student Life, Brentwood School
 2006 Communities for Educational Equity
 2005 Youth Justice Coalition
 2004 Gay Straight Alliance
 2003 Commander Lynda Castro, LASD
 2002 House of Blues
 2001 Richard E. Odenthal
 2000 The Ileto Family
 1999 Timothy H. Saner, The Boeing Company

Fourth District -

2023 Sanemos Juntos, ÓRALE (Organizing Rooted in Abolition, Liberation and Empowerment)
 2022 Khmer Girls in Action
 2021 South Bay Cares
 2020 “Family Promise” Program, San Pedro Faith Consortium
 2019 “Guide for Safe and Welcoming Schools for Immigrant and Refugee Students”, Californians Together
 2018 Interfaith Cafés program, South Coast Interfaith Council

- 2017 Educated Men with Meaningful Messages (EM3) Program
- 2016 Visions of Unity Arts Contest, Human Relations Forum of Torrance
- 2014 California Conference for Equality and Justice's Restorative Justice in Schools Program
- 2013 Janet Shour Playground at Harbor Gateway Pocket Park, a project of the MAC Group
- 2011 Gloria Lockhart, Executive Director, Toberman Neighborhood Center
- 2010 Boys and Girls Clubs of the South Bay
- 2008 Hispanic Outreach Taskforce
- 2007 Charlene Lovett, Mother of 14 year old Cheryl Green
- 2006 National Conference for Community & Justice of Southern California – Long Beach
- 2005 South Bay Volunteer Center
- 2004 Freedom Writers
- 2003 International Cultural Exchange
- 2002 South Asian Network
- 2001 Mural Arts Program of Long Beach
- 2000 Eugene Lentzner
- 1999 The Conflict Resolution Program of the Torrance Unified School District

Fifth District -

- 2023 Multicultural performing arts initiatives, H.E. Art
- 2022 Care First South Pasadena
- 2021 My Tribe Rise
- 2020 Two Dragons Martial Arts
- 2019 "Creating Bias-Free Classroom", the Western Justice Center
- 2018 Hate Crime Victim Support program, Burbank Human Relations Council
- 2017 Hindenburg Park Sign Mediation, Center for Conflict Resolution
- 2016 Foreign Language Academics of Glendale Dual Immersion (FLAG) Program, Glendale Unified School District
- 2014 Pasadena/Altadena Vision 2020 Collaborative
- 2013 Bright Futures Scholars Leadership Development Program, a project of the Quality of Life Center, Inc.
- 2011 C. Thomas Aylesbury, Founder & President, L.A. Music Academy
- 2010 The Valle Del Oro Neighborhood

- Committee and Nomad Lab
- 2008 California Institute of the Arts (Cal Arts)
- 2007 The Western Justice Center Foundation (WJCF)
- 2006 We Care for Youth
- 2005 Children's Planning Council
- 2004 ArtSourced-Pros
- 2003 Drs. David and Jacqueline Jacobs
- 2002 San Fernando Valley Interfaith Council
- 2001 Harambee Christian Family Center
- 2000 Bruce Galler
- 1999 Kevin Uhrich

John Anson Ford – Commissioners' Special Recognition

- 2019 Jasmyne Cannick, social justice activist, public relations professional
Lindsey P. Horvath, West Hollywood City Council
- 2011 Mary Louise Longoria, former LACCHR staff member

John Anson Ford Corporate Awardees

- 2008 Lockheed Martin
- 2006 Jones Day Law Firm
- 2005 Corporate Advisory Committee
- 1998 Bank of America
- 1997 Toyota Motor Sales
- 1996 Nordstrom
- 1995 Paramount Pictures
- 1993 First Federal Bank
- 1992 No Award Given
- 1991 Kaiser Permanente
- 1990 7UP/RC Bottling Company
- 1989 David R. Barclay, Hughes Aircraft
- 1988 Pacific Bell
- 1987 Southern California Edison Co.
- 1986 Rainbow Plastics
- 1985 Boy's Market, Inc.
- 1984 Southern California Gas Co.
- 1983 Atlantic Richfield Company
- 1982 Ralph Parsons

John Anson Ford Media News/Entertainment Awardees

- 1998 Norine Dresser (Media)
- 1998 Community Newspaper Council / Annenberg School of Communications, USC (Media/News)

- 1997 KCRW 89.9 FM (Media/News Award)
- KKBT 92.3 FM (Media/Radio Award)
- KTTV, Channel 11 (Media/TV Award)
- AnaMaria Buranasakorn (Media/TV Award)
- 1996 George Nicholaw, KNX Radio
- USA Networks
- 1995 Larry McCormick, KTLA
- KCET "Puzzle Place" Production
- KCET "Life and Times" Production
- 1993 Mario Machado
- 1992 Huell Howser, KCET
- K.W. Lee, Korea Times
- 1991 Michael Jackson, KABC Radio
- 1990 KSCI-TV, Channel 18
- 1989 Joseph Dyer, KCBS
- 1988 Marilyn Solomon, KCOP
- 1987 KTLA Community Affairs
- Dr. Roger A. Hendrix, KBIG
- "The California Report" Editorials
- 1986 The Daily News
- 1985 The Pacific Citizen
- 1984 La Opinion
- 1983 KCET/Channel 28
- 1982 Los Angeles Times Editorial Staff Writers

John Anson Ford Professional Awardees

- 1993 Rodney Mitchell
- 1992 Stewart Kwoh & Vicki Tamoush
- 1991 Linda Wong & Joan Pinchuk
- 1990 Alice Petrossian
- 1989 Dr. Neil Sandberg
- 1988 Dolores Ratcliffe
- 1987 Jo Bonita Perez
- 1986 National Conference of Christians and Jews
- 1985 Nancy Mintie
- 1984 Jerry Freedman Habush
- 1983 Rita Walters
- 1982 Vilma Martinez

John Anson Ford Volunteer Awardees

- 1993 Marina Tse & West Adams Heritage Assoc.
- 1992 Janel Baszile & Lea Ann King
- Victor Franco & Giselle Acevedo Franco
- 1991 Naomi Rainey & Frank Villalobos
- 1990 Dr. Alex Norman & Leo Trujillo
- 1989 Domingo Delgado & Casey Kasem
- 1988 Juanita & Jose De Sosa
- 1987 Women of Color, Inc.
- 1986 Richard Giesberg

- 1985 Rafer Johnson & Rev. George Van Alstine
- 1984 Frances G. Dyer
- 1983 Ruth Z. Casselman
- 1982 Inola Henry

John Anson Ford Individual Awardees

- 1998 Albert Y. Muratsuchi
- 1997 Gary Mast
- 1996 Mona Beth Loo
- 1995 Mel Collins
- 1981 Ami Ishi (posthumous)
- 1980 John A. Buggs
- 1979 The Most Rev. Juan Arzube
- 1978 Mayor Tom Bradley
- 1977 Rose Lopez
- 1976 Dr. H. Claude Hudson
- 1975 Dr. Julian Keiser
- 1974 Catherine G. Stern
- 1972 Rabbi Alfred Wolf, Ph.D.

John Anson Ford Special Recognition Awardees

- 1996 John Slaughter, Ph.D.
- Dr. Haing Ngor (posthumous)
- 1995 Steven Windmueller, Ph.D.
- Reverend Monsignor Royale M. Vadakin
- 1992 Edward James Olmos
- 1991 Robert Jones
- 1990 Dr. Julian J. Keiser
- Rabbi Alfred Wolf, Ph.D.
- Chief David J. Thompson and the Glendale
- Police Department
- 1989 KCET, Channel 28
- Anti-Defamation League
- KCBS
- Los Angeles Times
- 1988 Sunset Junction Neighborhood Alliance
- Joe Roos
- 1987 The Right Rev. Oliver B. Garver
- 1986 Alex Odeh (posthumous)
- 1983 Frank Baird-Smith (posthumous)

John Anson Ford Outstanding Programs

- 1993 Syd Kronenthal
- 1992 Hate Crime Prosecution Team of the Anti-Terrorist Unit of the District Attorney's Office
- Multicultural Issues Panel of the Southern California Gas Company

John Anson Ford Arts Awardees

- 1998 Victoria Ann Lewis / The Other Voices
Project Mark Taper Forum
- 1997 “Voices Against Violence” North
Lake YMCA
- 1996 Harold Williams, President, The J. Paul
Getty Trust

John Anson Ford Higher Education Awardees

- 1997 Dr. Blenda Wilson, Ph.D. & Cal State,
Northridge
- 1996 Howard Gadlin, Ph.D., Director, UCLA
Conflict Mediation Program
- 1995 Jaime A. Regalado, Ph.D. and the Edmund
G. “Pat” Brown Institute of Public Affairs
Eui-Young Yu, Ph.D. and Edward T. Chang,
Ph.D.

John Anson Ford School, K-12 Awardees

- 1998 North High School - Torrance, California
- 1997 “Children of the Dream” Program
- 1996 Los Angeles Unified School District Office
of Intergroup Relations
- 1995 Cleveland High School

John Anson Ford Government/Municipal Awardees

- 1998 Antelope Valley Human Relations Task
Force
- 1997 Harmony Month Committee / City of
Monterey Park
- 1996 Captain Jack Scully, Los Angeles County
Sheriff’s Department
- 1995 Glendale Community Relations Coalition

John Anson Ford Organization Awardees

- 1998 Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights,
L.A. (CHIRLA)
- 1997 Harbor Gateway Human Relations
Steering Committee
- 1996 California Community Foundation
Community Conflict Resolution
Grants
- 1995 Burbank Human Relations Council

John Anson Ford Sports Awardees

- 1995 HOLA - Heart of Los Angeles Youth