

The Roy Chapman Andrews Society

Established in 1999, the Society (RCAS) is intent on building awareness for one of the 20th century's most celebrated explorers, Roy Chapman Andrews (1884-1960). The Roy Chapman Andrews Society honors the legacy of Andrews by educating the public about his life, work, and adventures, promoting the value of scientific exploration and discovery, and emphasizing his lifetime ties to Beloit, Wisconsin.

The mission of the Society is to inspire scientific discovery by engaging with contemporary explorers who exemplify the legacy of Roy Chapman Andrews, Beloit's native son.

The Roy Chapman Andrews Society is dedicated to encouraging exploration for people of all ages. In partnership with Beloit College, local school districts, individuals and businesses, each year the Society sponsors the Distinguished Explorer Award (DEA) event recognizing world renowned explorers for their outstanding achievements in scientific discovery through explorations that offer new insights into previously unknown or poorly known subjects or areas. Distinguished Explorers receive a cash prize and a bronze commemorative statue created by the late renowned artist O. V. Shaffer.

The award ceremony is followed by an acceptance lecture in which recipients share their career and field experiences. Members and sponsors share personal time with recipients in a celebratory dinner and Q&A forum. The DEA

Past recipients are Philip Currie (2022), Sarah Parcak (2021) Neil Shubin (2019), Richard Alley (2018), Wade Davis (2017) Alan Rabinowitz (2016), Edith Widder (2015), Meg Lowman (2014), John Grotzinger (2013), Nathan Wolfe (2012), Steve Lekson (2011), Sylvia Earle (2010), Paul Sereno (2009), Mark Moffett (2008), Lonnie Thompson and Ellen Mosley-Thompson (2007), Steve Squyres (2006), Robert Ballard (2005), Mark Plotkin (2004), and Michael J. Novacek (2003).



Student Programs Sponsored by the Society

The Society's student educational program for youth in grades 6-12, implemented in 2017, was designed to engage students throughout the Distinguished Explorer Award recipient's visit. From attending the high school lecture to special seating at the public acceptance lecture to a private meet-and-greet reception with recipient, this program



also includes photo opportunities and a book signing with the recipient. Students attend a celebratory fund-raising dinner seated with community leaders that further enhances the experience to encourage them to consider science and discovery as their future career options.



Annual Membership Has Its Perks

Membership in the Society supports the annual Distinguished Explorer Award event and student inspired programs. Society members receive.

1. Two admissions to "BIFF Year 'Round" for the 2020-2021 season.
2. New members enjoy \$5.00 refillable gift card from Bagels and More in downtown Beloit. Returning members continue to enjoy 8% discount on their existing refillable cards.
3. Priority seating to all Society events.
4. Member Discount for the Distinguished Explorer Award fund-raising dinner event.

Membership Levels

\$5/Student, \$30/Individual, \$50/Family, \$100/Explorer



Become a Member Today

Membership and financial support are essential to sustain programs that inspire youth, strengthen our community, and celebrate world-renowned leaders in science exploration. The Roy Chapman Andrews Society is a 501(c)(3) organization. To comply with the IRS requirements regarding charitable donations for contributions/donations in excess of any value of property or services, donations are considered tax-deductible. Copy this form for your tax records, clip and return to address below.

We invite you to consider membership at one of the levels below.

Please accept my membership in the Roy Chapman Andrews Society at the following level:

___ \$5/student, ___ \$30/individual, ___ \$50/family, ___ \$100/explorer

We would like to support the Society's student programs at \$ _____.

We would like to support the Roy Chapman Andrews Society with a tax-deductible gift of ___ \$25, ___ \$50, ___ \$100, ___ Other.

___ \$101 - \$499/DEA Patron Sponsor includes individual membership

Total amount enclosed \$ _____.

Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ St.: _____ Zip: _____ Phone#: _____

Email: _____

This form may be copied and mailed with check made payable to:

Roy Chapman Andrews Society, P.O. Box 273, Beloit, WI 53512-0273

Memberships and donations can also be made online: www.roychapmanandrewssociety.org