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## 2024 AHCA/NCAL Awards Program Now Open!

Nominations for the 2024 AHCA/NCAL Awards Program are now open! AHCA/NCAL members are strongly encouraged to nominate those inspiring leaders and unsung colleagues who go above and beyond to provide exceptional service in the long term care profession.

[The AHCA Awards Program](#) honors individuals who are dedicated to improving the quality of lives of residents and their surrounding communities. All AHCA member facilities are encouraged to apply, including skilled nursing facilities, short and long term care facilities, Not for Profit (NFP) long term care providers, intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD) residential services providers (including intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID), and other individuals who work in the long term care field, including direct care, education, research, and resident advocacy.

Members may nominate eligible candidates in either category:

- **AHCA Leader of the Year Award:** Recognizes an Administrator/Executive Director, Director of Nursing, or someone in a regional leadership position within the long term care community.
- **AHCA Noble Caregiver Award:** Recognizes frontline caregivers, support and office staff from any department including, but not limited to, direct care staff from nursing (also includes CNAs), therapists, support/office staff, housekeeping, dietary, activities/recreation, laundry, and maintenance departments within long term care.

Please see the [AHCA Rules and Guidelines](#) for more information.

Visit the webpage for the [Mary K. Ousley Champion of Quality Award](#), which recognizes an individual that has made significant national contributions to advancing quality performance in long-term and/or post-acute care, including either skilled nursing or assisted living settings.

[The NCAL Awards Program](#) recognizes assisted living employees from around the

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country who demonstrate exemplary work within the profession. may nominate eligible candidates in either category:

- **NCAL Leader of the Year:** Recognizes an assisted living Administrator/Executive Director, Director of Nursing, or someone in a regional leadership position within the assisted living community.
- **Noble Caregiver in Assisted Living Award:** Recognizes frontline caregivers, support and office staff from any department including, but not limited to, direct care staff from nursing (CNAs, LNAs, LPNs), support/office staff, housekeeping, dietary, activities/recreation, laundry, and maintenance departments within assisted living.

For more information, please refer to the [NCAL Rules and Guidelines](#).

Please visit the webpage for the [Jan Thayer Pioneer Award](#), which recognizes individuals who have moved the senior care profession forward, positively affecting the lives of those served and those who serve. Recipients must demonstrate dedication, leadership and considerable contributions to the senior care profession.

Honorees in each category will be recognized at [Delivering Solutions 24](#), AHCA/NCAL Convention and Expo October 6-9, 2024, in Orlando, Florida. Each award recipient may select one individual to attend Delivering Solutions 24 as their guest and they will each receive roundtrip airfare from their home city, per diem, hotel accommodations for two nights, and Convention registration.

**The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, May 31, 2024. Please note that in order to submit a nomination, you must create an account in [Award Force](#), AHCA/NCAL's awards platform.**

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