2022
ISACA AWARDs
ISACA AWARDS PROGRAM

ISACA recognizes outstanding contributions that advance our professional community and exemplify our purpose and leadership. By acknowledging the individuals and achievements that have a positive impact on our global society, ISACA seeks to inspire future generations of business and technology professionals.

There are four categories of awards administered by ISACA, recognizing separate levels of achievement:

**Global Achievement Awards:** These are the highest awards presented by ISACA for distinguished service, exemplary achievements and contributions to advancing technology worldwide.

**Hall of Fame:** ISACA recognizes members who have shown exemplary dedication to advancing ISACA’s purpose through volunteer service and/or member engagement activities.

**Chapter Awards:** These awards recognize outstanding contributions by chapters and individual chapter leaders in fulfilling the needs of ISACA and its professional community.

**Certification Exam Top Scores:** The top scores for the Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), Certified Information Security Manager (CISM), Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT (CGEIT), Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control (CRISC), and Certified Data Privacy Solutions Engineer (CDPSE) exams worldwide are recognized annually.

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ISACA Educational Excellence Award

Recognizes an inspiring educator or academic at the primary, secondary or tertiary educational level or an educational institution with inspiring initiatives who has empowered students to pursue careers advancing technology

Andre Pitkowski, CRISC, CGEIT

“For significant contributions to undergraduate student education in IT governance and information security and empowering future and current ISACA members and professionals.”

With more than 25 years of experience, Andre Pitkowski manages projects for risk assessment on critical assets, risk maps and IT projects for IT governance and compliance (using COBIT®) at national and international companies. He is a senior consultant in information security, corporate and IT governance, risk assessment and compliance projects (GRC). He frequently presents on COBIT at events in Brazil and around the world and has been a professor of IT Governance for Graduate and undergraduate student Education at Centro Universitário Senac since 2012. Responsible for several information security projects and an active researcher on the subject, Andre has published various articles and a book.


Andre is also CRMA (IIA) and SCRUM certified and holds the OCTAVE certification from the Software Engineering Institute (SEI) of Carnegie Mellon University. He has implemented this methodology of risk assessment in critical assets of IT in several clients, as well as taught classes and courses on the subject.
ISACA Innovative Solutions Award

Recognizes an individual or organization who has developed or utilized technology to solve business or societal challenges

EVENTCOMBO

“For enabling community connections and continuing education virtually during a global pandemic through innovative EventTech solutions.”

Eventcombo is an integrated event technology platform which provides a suite of cutting-edge products and solutions that allows organizations of all shapes and sizes to easily, quickly create and host events. Fireworks™ by Eventcombo is a premier virtual event technology offering both virtual and hybrid event solutions with over 150 features.

Community™ by Eventcombo has been launched as the first of its kind complete post-event engagement platform, where now, an event never ends. The tool offers event organizers a platform which helps them stay connected with all stakeholders and attendees’ post-event, within an integrated ecosystem of event tools, reporting and analytics, built-in event creation and management options, as well as attendee management.

As the event industry takes a safety-first ethos, Eventcombo's innovative Vaccine Checker helps to provide peace of mind to organizers and attendees and support the return of in-person events.

Recently Eventcombo received a 5-star rating from Capterra which is the world's leading software reviews and selection platform which covers 800+ software categories and has over 1.5 million validated reviews of 50,000+ products.
ISACA Inspirational Leadership Award

Recognizes a visionary leader who has inspired organizations and professionals to advance and adapt within a digital world

Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi

“For leadership in bridging the digital divide by providing rural areas and schools with computers, IT infrastructure and digital libraries.”

Kashifu Inuwa Abdullahi is a graduate of Computer Science from Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, Nigeria. He is a Massachusetts Institute of Technology—MIT Sloan—trained strategist with 15 years experience in IT operations, business transformation and solution architecture, across both private and public sectors. He attended Leadership and Management courses at Harvard University in the USA, University of Cambridge in the UK and IMD Business School in Switzerland.

He worked for nine years (2004–2013) at Galaxy Backbone, and held several positions such as Network Engineer, IP Network Field Engineer, Senior Network & Lead, IP Operations Team and Senior Solution Architect & Lead, Technical Solution Design.

In 2014, Mr. Abdullahi joined Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) as a Technology Architect and in 2017, he moved to National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) as the Technical Assistant to the Director General. He was appointed as the Director General of the Agency in 2019, and currently serves in that capacity.

Mr. Abdullahi is a professional member of ISACA. He is also a member of both Nigeria Computer Society (NCS) and the British Computer Society (BCS), as well as a Cisco Certified Internetwork Expert (CCIE) and a Certified Project Manager & Solution Architect.
ISACA Technology for Humanity Award

Recognizes an individual, program or organization whose efforts in connecting with underserved communities or underrepresented individuals has helped bridge the digital divide

CODE YOUR DREAMS

“For leadership in empowering the next generation of civic-minded technologists”

Code Your Dreams (CYD) is a Chicago-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit that serves K–12 and adult students in schools, community centers, and prisons.

CYD is an incubator of youth and underrepresented voices, tech skills and social justice. CYD teaches technology skills with a social justice lens, empowering students to build applications that help lift up their communities. CYD programs expose students to the most cutting-edge and influential technology careers today including Product Management, UI/UX, Software Development, Data Science and Analytics and Marketing. CYD not only builds a diverse pipeline of future leaders and technologists, but also future change-makers and community activists. CYD believes in the power of youth and underrepresented voice, and in the value of equipping students with the tools and training to be pillars of change in our communities.

To date, CYD has served over 4,000 students since 2018, and has been recognized in both Forbes and the Chicago Tribune. CYD firmly believes that all people have potential, and that underperformance is not the fault of the individual, but rather, the fault of systems in place. CYD shows students that they belong and can thrive in the technology sector.
ISACA Hall of Fame
ISACA recognizes members who have shown exemplary dedication to advancing ISACA’s purpose through volunteer service and/or member engagement activities.

2022 ISACA Hall of Fame inductees are:

Abdul Hamid Abdullah
CISA, Singapore

Steven Ross
CISA, CDPSE, USA

Nalin Wijetilleke
CISA, CGEIT, New Zealand

Frank Yam
CISA, Hong Kong

Turhan Yükseliyor
CISA, CRISC, CISM, CGEIT, CDPSE, Turkey

ISACA Eugene Frank Founders Award
This award recognizes the most inspirational volunteer and is voted on by the ISACA membership from among the incoming class of Hall of Fame inductees.

The recipient is announced live at the ISACA Awards Gala.

Visit isaca.org/awards to learn more about the Eugene Frank Founders Award recipients.
ISACA Chapter Awards

ISACA is proud to recognize the most active and engaging chapters, programs and volunteer leaders who, by supporting the membership and professional community locally, also support ISACA’s purpose and promise.

ISACA Outstanding Chapter Achievement Award
Recognizes chapters that exceed service goals by actively supporting local membership and, thus, ISACA.

- ISACA Abuja Chapter
- ISACA Central UK Chapter
- ISACA Manila Chapter
- ISACA Singapore Chapter
- ISACA Sri Lanka Chapter
- ISACA Toronto Chapter

Innovative Chapter Program Award
Recognizes an outstanding program implemented within an ISACA chapter in the categories of Member Experience, Community Engagement, Education, or Use of Technology.

Community Engagement:
ISACA Virginia Chapter: Career Changer Program

Education:
ISACA Melbourne Chapter: SheLeadsTech Chapter Program

Member Experience:
ISACA Silicon Valley Chapter: Sustaining Member Engagement through Digital Platforms

Outstanding Chapter Leader Award
Recognizes ISACA Chapter Leaders for their effective and inspiring leadership within the chapter resulting in increased member engagement and a positive impact on ISACA’s professional community.

- Asif Mohammed
  CISA, CRISC, CDPSE
  ISACA Toronto Chapter

- Ramona Ratiu
  CISA, CISM
  ISACA Chicago Chapter

- Steven Sim Kok Leong
  CISA, CRISC, CISM, CGEIT, CDPSE
  ISACA Singapore Chapter

- Arlene-Lynn Volmink
  CISA, CDPSE
  ISACA South Africa Chapter

- Sithira Wanniarachchi
  CDPSE
  ISACA Sri Lanka Chapter
ISACA Certification Exam Top Scores

ISACA recognizes the individuals who achieve the top score in each of the ISACA certification exams. Recipients are recognized in the year following the exam.

CISA

Stefano Angelone
CISA

Angelina Kahn-Dubois
CISA

CISC

Gregory Pendergast
CRISC

CISM

Christopher Franklin
CISM

CGEIT

Michael Browning
CISA, CRISC, CISM, CGEIT

Stephen Forrest
CGEIT

CDPSE

Mark Potter
CISA, CRISC, CISM CDPSE

GET INVOLVED

The ISACA Awards Program is a peer recognition program that relies on ISACA members and digital trust professionals worldwide to nominate outstanding colleagues, programs and organizations and to help select the recipients each year.

Join Us!

- Nominate a fellow ISACA Member for the Hall of Fame to recognize their inspirational volunteer service advancing our organization.
- Nominate an outstanding colleague or industry program for an ISACA Global Achievement Award.
- Nominate your chapter, an innovative program within your chapter or one of your dedicated Chapter Leaders for an ISACA Chapter Award.
- Volunteer to review award nominations.
- Promote the accomplishments of the recipients.

Learn more about the ISACA Awards Program at isaca.org/awards
All 2022 ISACA Award Recipients are being honored at the

2022 ISACA Awards Gala

**LIVE:** New Orleans, USA  |  4 May 2022
**VIRTUAL:** 25 May 2022

In addition to honoring the 2022 ISACA Award recipients, the inaugural live Awards Gala will celebrate the convergence of music and technology. Networking, entertainment, and local flavors and sounds make this a unique community event for ISACA.

Virtual attendees gather online from around the world to experience similar entertainment, networking and celebration of the honorees’ achievements. A special keynote will inspire guests and future ISACA award recipients.

The events are hosted by ISACA CEO, David Samuelson, and Chief Marketing and Membership Officer, Julia Kanouse.

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