2021
ISACA AWARDS
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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) and Certified in Risk and Information Systems Control (CRISC) exams worldwide are recognized annually.
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.

Mahesh S. Raisinghani, Ph.D., CISM

“For inspirational mentorship of all university students, encouraging more women to pursue technology careers and teaching a thought-provoking curriculum around data privacy, security and technology management.”

Mahesh S. Raisinghani is a Professor of Management Information Systems at Texas Women’s University’s (TWU) College of Business, a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy in the U.K. and the Director of Strategic Partnerships for the Association of Information Systems SIG-LEAD.

Dr. Raisinghani was awarded TWU’s 2017 Innovation in Academia award, the 2015 Distinction in Online Education award, the 2008 Excellence in Research & Scholarship award and the 2007 G. Ann Uhlir Endowed Fellowship in Higher Education Administration. He was also awarded the 2017 National Engaged Leader Award by the National Society of Leadership and Success and the 2017 Volunteer Award at the Model United Nations conference.

He published over a hundred manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals/books/conferences, edited eight books and has consulted for a variety of public and private organizations.

Dr. Raisinghani serves as the editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Web-based Learning and Teaching Technologies, on the board of the Global IT Management Association, as advisor for the National Society of Leadership and Success chapter at TWU and as an advisory board member of Enactus and X-Culture.org. He is included in the millennium edition of Who’s Who in the World, Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers and Who’s Who in Information Technology.
ISACA Innovative Solutions Award

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

Yoshimasa Masuda, Ph.D., CISM, CGEIT

“For his contribution to establishing the Adaptive Integrated Digital Architecture Framework (AIDAF) for digital transformation and innovation in a digital IT era.”

Dr. Yoshimasa Masuda has experience in enterprise architecture covering technology, application and security in many industries. He earned a Ph.D. degree from Keio University as the top graduate. He has led many global projects in IBM Japan and experienced international assignments (Turkey, Shanghai). He started up the global enterprise architecture in a healthcare company and worked as Sr. IT Director in Softbank group, Robotics in 2019. He works in professor/instructor/research roles in graduate schools and universities, including Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) (US) and Keio University (Japan).

He is also currently Senior Manager at Global Business Center in the NTT Data Institute of Management Consulting.

He holds CGEIT and CISM certifications from ISACA, and he had served in many roles including vice chairman of the CGEIT committee for the ISACA Tokyo Chapter for 3 years (2016-2018). Since 2019, he has participated in the ISACA Pittsburgh Chapter with expertise in academic roles. While working at CMU he has served in a Program Chair role for recognized international conferences and as a member of the editorial review board for “International Journal of Digital Strategy, Governance, and Business Transformation (IJDSGBT),” IGI Global.

His book, Enterprise Architecture for Global Companies in a Digital IT Era – AIDAF from Springer Nature, was rated second among the Best New EA books in the first half of 2020 and was ranked among the top 10 EA books of all time by BookAuthority, as featured by CNN and Forbes.
ISACA Inspirational Leadership Award

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

Kyla Guru

“For inspiring achievements as a young professional in leading the next generation of cyber leaders and privacy protectors for securing digital citizens.”

Kyla Guru is a Stanford University student and the Founder/CEO of Bits N’ Bytes Cybersecurity Education, a 501(c)(3) dedicated to educating and equipping all vulnerable populations with the cybersecurity education and awareness needed to face our future of advanced cyberthreats. For the past five years, Kyla has led her organization in distributing curriculum to 500+ schools and has fostered partnerships with corporations like Facebook, Verizon Media and IBM, and educational organizations like ISACA’s One in Tech Foundation in order to spark international dialogue about security.

Kyla has championed her message of cybersecurity resilience across national and international stages including TEDxChicago, NIST’s NICE Conference and RSAC USA and Singapore. Additionally, noticing the gender imbalance in cybersecurity, she also became the cofounder of GirlCon Conference, Chicago’s premiere tech conference that unites 700+ industry professionals and students annually to discuss bridging the gender gap in tech.

For her groundbreaking work in security and technology, Kyla has been honored as a JFK Medal of Honor Winner, Crain Chicago’s Top 50 in Tech, a Global Teen Leader and a Harvard Book Prize Award Winner. While she is not creating new curriculum or speaking about security, she is also a student at Stanford University, studying Computer Science and International Security.
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.

**Niel Harper, CISA, CRISC, CDPSE**

“For contributions to capacity building across the world towards the development of affordable, open and user-centric Internet infrastructure.”

Niel Harper is a thought leader, global connector and consensus builder who currently advises governments, international organizations, non-profits, corporations and tech startups in key areas such as cybersecurity management, privacy & data protection, enterprise architecture, IT governance, risk & control (GRC) and ICT law & policy. He has leadership and advisory experience in over 20 countries with organizations such as AT&T, Bemol, Bermuda Commercial Bank, Canonical, CARICOM Secretariat, CIBC, European Union, First Global Bank, Internet Society and the United Nations, among others.

Niel holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Telecoms Regulation & Policy from the University of the West Indies, LLM from the University of Strathclyde, MBA from the University of Leicester, and has completed executive programs at Boston University, Florida International University, Nanyang Technological University and the University of Oxford.

He was recognized in 2011 by the Internet Society as a Next Generation Leader and in 2014 by the World Economic Forum as a Young Global Leader. He is currently a Member of the World Economic Forum’s Expert Networks for IT, Telecoms and Cybersecurity and has been awarded fellowships to the British Computer Society, OECD Technology Foresight Forum and the Royal Society of Arts. In 2021 Niel was selected to serve on the ISACA Board of Directors.
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. The founding class of Hall of Fame inductees is comprised of past volunteers recognized as namesakes of retired ISACA Awards, whose legacies and contributions have shaped ISACA into the organization it is today, as well as member-nominated inductees who represent the peer-recognition and value members have for each other.

These individuals were previously recognized as namesakes of ISACA Awards.

Michael P. Cangemi, CPA retired

John Lainhart

K. Wayne Snipes

Eugene Frank

John Kuyers

Harold Weiss

Paul Williams
The following 2021 Hall of Fame inductees have been nominated by ISACA members.

ISACA Eugene Frank Founders Award

Established in 2021, this award recognizes the most inspirational volunteer.

In future years the recipient will be voted on by the ISACA membership from among the incoming class of Hall of Fame inductees.

In its inaugural year, it was only befitting that ISACA’s co-founder be honored with this distinguished recognition.

Eugene Frank was one of ISACA’s seven founding members when ISACA was incorporated as the Electronic Data Processing Auditors Association (EDPAA) in 1969 in Los Angeles, California, USA. After a rocky start, Gene, along with Bud Friedman, is responsible for reconstituting the association after most of the board resigned in late 1971. He then served as the association’s second president from 1972-1973 and is responsible for establishing the first elaborate vision for the organization.

Gene was active in ISACA’s 50th anniversary celebrations in 2019 and expressed his awe at the evolution the association and the industry has undergone. “The truth of it is that ISACA has far surpassed anything I could ever imagine,” he said in an interview in 2019.
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 Guatemala City Chapter
- ISACA London Chapter
- ISACA New York Metropolitan Chapter
- ISACA Silicon Valley Chapter
- ISACA South Africa Chapter

**INNOVATIVE CHAPTER PROGRAM AWARD**
Recognizes an outstanding program implemented within an ISACA chapter in the categories:

- **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**
  - ISACA Mumbai Chapter: Annual Conference Quiz Program

- **EDUCATION:**
  - ISACA Central UK Chapter: Inspiring School Girls to Enter Cyber Careers

- **MEMBER EXPERIENCE:**
  - ISACA Chicago Chapter: #CollectiveResilience

- **USE OF TECHNOLOGY:**
  - ISACA Greater Washington, D.C. Chapter: Cybersecurity workshop series

**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.

- Luis Alejandro Anderson Rivera, CISA, CISM, CDPSE
  - ISACA Guatemala City Chapter

- Jenny Tan, CISA, CGEIT, CDPSE
  - ISACA Singapore Chapter

- Jason Yakencheck, CISA, CISM, CDPSE
  - ISACA Greater Washington, D.C. Chapter

- Frank Yam, CISA, CIA, CFSA, CFE, FHKCS, FFA, FIPA
  - ISACA China Hong Kong Chapter
Certification Exam Top Scores

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

Scott Laliberte, CISA, CISM, CRISC

Lorin Ball, CISM, CRISC

Kenneth Ching, CISA, CRISC

Ben Jackson, CISA, CISM, CRISC

Deborah McBain

Benjamin Hentschel, CISA, CRISC, CISM, CGEIT, CDPSE

All 2021 ISACA Award Recipients are being honored at the 2021 ISACA Awards Virtual Gala 15 July 2021

The virtual masquerade gala celebrates the achievements of all ISACA Global Achievement and Chapter Award recipients, Certification Exam Top Scores and the inaugural class of Hall of Fame inductees. Global cultural performances and a private concert from multiplatinum recording artist Rachel Platten will entertain us all and celebrate our diversity.

The event is hosted by ISACA CEO David Samuelson and One In Tech Foundation Deputy Director Hollee Mangrum-Willis.

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