

BELLE ZELLER SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND AWARD RECIPIENTS

Belle Zeller Leadership Award • Leadership in Education Award • Lifetime Achievement Award

2020 Lifetime Achievement Award

[Irwin Yellowitz, Ph.D.](#)

Professor Emeritus, City College
Founding Member and Treasurer
Belle Zeller Scholarship Trust Fund
[NYSUT](#)

2020 Belle Zeller Leadership Award

[Timothy Hunter](#)

Chair, University Student Senate
Student Member, CUNY Board of Trustees
[LinkedIn](#)

2020 Keynote Speaker

[Myriam Sarachik, Ph.D.](#)

Distinguished Professor, City College/CUNY
[Wikipedia](#)

2021 Lifetime Achievement Award

[Joanne Waldstreicher, M.D.](#)

1980 Belle Zeller Scholar
Chief Medical Officer, Johnson & Johnson
[LinkedIn](#)

2021 Distinguished Leadership in Education Award

[Russell K. Hotzler, Ph.D.](#)

President, New York City College of Technology
[Wikipedia](#)

2021 Belle Zeller Leadership Award

[Barbara Bowen, Ph.D.](#)

Former President of the Professional Staff Congress
PSC CUNY
[PSC CUNY](#)

2023 Distinguished Leadership in Education Award

[Randi Weingarten](#)

President, American Federation of Teachers
[Wikipedia](#)

2023 Lifetime Achievement Award

[Raymond Paretzky, Esq.](#)

1981 Belle Zeller Scholar
Partner at McDermott Will & Emery
[LinkedIn](#)

2023 Lifetime Achievement Award

[Matthew Sapienza](#)

Chief Financial Officer, American Council of Learned Societies
Former Senior Vice Chancellor, CUNY
[LinkedIn](#)

2023 Belle Zeller Leadership Award

[Robert Cermele, Ph.D.](#)

Treasurer, PSC-CUNY Welfare Fund, Professor, City Tech
(Retired)
The Belle Zeller Scholarship Trust Fund Advisory Committee
Member
[LinkedIn](#)

2023

[Susan DiRaimo](#)

Lecturer, Lehman College and City College of New York
Belle Zeller Scholarship Trust Fund Trustee
[LinkedIn](#)

2024 Lifetime Achievement Award

[Chinweike Ukomadu, M.D., Ph.D.](#)

1984 Belle Zeller Scholar
Head of GI Therapeutic Area Unit
Takeda Pharmaceutical Company
[Discover Brigham](#)

2024 Belle Zeller Leadership Award

[Sharon Persinger, Ph.D.](#)

Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science at
Bronx Community College
Secretary, The Belle Zeller Scholarship Trust Fund
[LinkedIn](#)

2025 Lifetime Achievement Award

[Hon. Carmen R. Velasquez](#)

1982 Belle Zeller Scholar
Justice, Supreme Court of the State of New York
[Wikipedia](#)

2025 Belle Zeller Leadership Award

[Manfred Philipp, Ph.D.](#)

Managing Director, The Belle Zeller Scholarship Trust Fund
Professor Emeritus, Lehman College and The CUNY Graduate
Center
Co-Ombuds at the CUNY Graduate Center
Former President, The Fulbright Association
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