

The Williams Trophy - Past Winners

Washington Airports Task Force

Year	Name
2021	Robert E. Buchanan, Principal of Buchanan Partners, President of the 2030 Group, and member of the WATF Board of Directors for more than 30 years, for his leadership for regional cooperation in every aspect of our region's transportation needs, including critical transportation issues that have had a significant impact on ground access to our airports—Reagan National Airport and Washington Dulles International Airport.
2020	No recipient selected due to the pandemic
2019	Oscar Munoz, President and Chief Executive Officer, United Airlines, Inc. for his outstanding leadership of United Airlines following a challenging merger with Continental Airlines, including service delivery issues, major labor issues, and personal medical issues, and for his recognition of the importance that the Washington Dulles International Airport (Dulles) hub has to United's network, he has steadfastly put United Airlines on a very positive course.
2018	The Honorable Terry McAuliffe, Former Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, for the significant work he has done to support Washington Dulles International Airport (Dulles) through: his recognition of Dulles as one of the major economic engines for the Commonwealth; his leadership in helping the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) reduce the cost to the airlines by initiating the \$50M grant from the State; his efforts in encouraging United to sign onto a 10-year Use and Lease Agreement at Dulles; and his efforts to encourage Virginia tourism to support new international air services at Dulles.
2017	The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority- over the past five years, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority has established a strong record of achievement that is reflected in well-executed operational, financial and capital management that has greatly improved the passenger experience for the traveling public.
2016	T. Allan McArtor, Chairman and CEO, Airbus Group, Inc. as his career has been defined by the ideal of service and the belief that aviation has the power to transform lives. Through many roles – combat aviator, FedEx executive, FAA Administrator, airline founder, leader at Airbus – his dedication to his industry and the people it serves has never wavered.
2015	Leo J. Schefer, Past President Washington Airports Task Force for his eminently successful leadership of the Washington Airports Task Force and his local efforts to promote and improve the National Capital region's air service, and for his support nationally for United States aviation policies that are of fundamental importance to the economic growth of the nation.
2014	John S. Pistole, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) longest serving Administrator has been the champion for transforming TSA into a risk-based, intelligence-driven agency that has moved away from a "one-size-fits-all" approach to security, and has implemented a strategy grounded in identifying low-risk populations and expediting their screening at many U.S. airports.
2013	Dave Barger, JetBlue Airways for his leadership in the provision of quality, cost effective air transportation in a highly competitive environment, for his application of aviation to serve humanity, and for his sustained efforts to encourage the aspirations of the young, and in particular, their involvement in aviation careers.
2012	The Honorable Raymond LaHood, United States Secretary of Transportation his leadership is recognized for the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Metroplex initiative, introduced first for the National Capital Region and Houston, and the plan to extend Metrorail all the way to Washington Dulles International Airport.
2011	Richard L. Altman, CAAFI Executive Director and the Commercial Aviation Alternative Fuels Initiative team (CAAFI) for their successful coordination of worldwide efforts to develop, produce on an industrial scale, certify and introduce into daily airline service, biojet fuels with a dramatically reduced carbon footprint.
2010	Gary C. Kelly, Captain Jeff Martin, and The Southwest Team were awarded the William's Trophy for their decisive leadership in creating a system-wide reduction in Greenhouse Gases, initially of 6%, and in so doing, demonstrating that Greenhouse Gas reduction can go hand-in-hand with reduced operating costs and stockholder gains.

2009	John T. Hazel, Jr. - Through his vision, direct involvement, and unwavering support of the WATF, Til Hazel has made an indelible imprint on the growth and success of the aviation services for our Nation's Capital. His decisive approach has empowered volunteers and inspired people to bring about important and lasting benefits for the region and its national and international air travelers.
2008	Stan and Doris Ann Harrison are nominated for the 2008 Williams Trophy for their eminently successful leadership and support of the Washington Airports Task Force's efforts to: a) Improve the National Capital region's air service capability; and b) Support U.S. aviation policies that are of fundamental importance to the economic growth of our region and the nation.
2007	Jacques Barrot, Jeffrey Shane, Daniel Calleja, John Byerly, and their supporting staffs for successfully negotiating, against all odds, an international air service agreement between the United States and the European Union. This agreement will be of profound benefit to the deregulation of international air transportation worldwide, resulting in a lasting benefit for travelers, shippers and the economic health of the nations.
2006	The Honorable Frank R. Wolf for being a tireless advocate for bringing Metrorail to Dulles. As a result, tens of millions of air travelers from around the world will soon realize a significant improvement in the quality, efficiency, and security of the transportation experience to and from our Nation's Capital thanks to his efforts to bring Metrorail to Dulles.
2005	The Honorable Marion Blakey for her decisive and effective actions with respect to aviation safety and air traffic control.
2004	The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta who has used his leadership qualities, charm and political skills to apply air transportation in its many forms to the significant benefit of mankind, and in particular, to benefit the citizens of the United States.
2003	General John R. "Jack" Dailey, USMC (ret.) For his accomplishments in the field of aviation and space exploration that have led the way to significant benefits for America and its military services.
2002	James A. Wilding for his long-term leadership and influence on airport policies worldwide, and for his leadership in moving the airports serving the Nation's Capital from being among the worst to being among the best in the nation.
2001	Frederick W. Smith and his team for his air cargo innovation and for leadership of a dedicated global employee family that made guaranteed overnight delivery a reality and changed the way the world does business.
2000	Lt. General Thomas H. Miller, USMC, ret. - Throughout his distinguished military career, General Miller's dedication, vision and leadership has resulted in significant benefit for people all over the world, and in particular to residents of the National Capital Region and visitors to Washington arriving by air. For the last 50 years, Miller has played a leading and often decisive role in the evolution of vertical flight and its application to the benefit of literally millions of civilian and military personnel.
1999	The Honorable Rodney E. Slater - Received the 1999 Williams Trophy on behalf of the United States International Aviation Negotiating Team at the Department of Transportation and State for work during this decade in "opening the skies" to 34 nations.
1998	The Honorable Elizabeth Dole and The Honorable A. Linwood Holton for their leadership in successfully transferring Washington's National and Dulles Airports from federal to regional control, thus facilitating their expansion and improvement for the benefit of the National Capital region and its many visitors from throughout the nation and the world.
1997	The Honorable John Glenn - As a Marine Corps pilot, Mercury astronaut and U.S. Senator, John Glenn has fought, tested, explored, researched, engineered, and led aviation and space exploration, not just to accomplish, but also to attain the knowledge to improve the health and enhance the lives of people on earth.
1996	Honorable Carrington Williams - The trophy is named in his honor as the founding chairman of the Washington Airports Task Force from 1982 to 1996.