



## **The George Arvidson Award for Meritorious Service to Chiropractic Regulation**

The George Arvidson Award for Meritorious Service to Chiropractic Regulation is the highest award given by the FCLB. This Award carries with it a long history of protecting the public with integrity.

FCLB Past President Dr. Arvidson charged us all with protecting without bias - always focused on the well-being of the patients and the public we serve.

Today this award will be presented to the 29th recipient.

The list of award winners reads like a living history book of sacrifice and service to chiropractic regulation internationally. Sadly, five of our past winners have passed away. But happily, a different group of five honorees are here with us at this conference: Drs. Joe Brimhall, Wayne Wolfson, Hank Hulteen, LeRoy Otto, and Norman Ouzts. And true to the spirit of the Arvidson Award, these men have continued their dedicated service to the public through other professional roles.

Today, we add another name to the distinguished roll of those who have advanced the cause of public protection. Today, we take time once again to say - thank you! - for work well done.

The theme this year seems to be one of juggling multiple roles. Of being everything for everyone.

And of celebrating those among us who demonstrate how it's possible to balance family, practice, and community service.

This year's Arvidson Award winner is an incredible juggler: literally as well as figuratively.

As a 1981 graduate of what was then called Western States Chiropractic College, he began his chiropractic journey in private practice and quickly moved from treating patients to protecting them. From the state board to the Federation and the National Board, he moved through the chairs, always demonstrating his leadership, compassion, and dedication to a strict ethical code.

His leadership trajectory drove him into continued public service, as special assistant to a state legislator, member of city council, and ultimately - as mayor of a major city whose resident university was founded in 1819 by native son Thomas Jefferson.

His resume is filled with references to organizations whose names include "aid" and "outreach." Throughout his public service, our honoree managed to be green before green was cool:

- During his tenure in its government, his city achieved notable recognition for environmental excellence.
- After four years in city government, he went on to serve as Chief Operating Officer for a startup organization that won the prestigious 2010 Automotive XPRIZE for a 100 mpg

car. This super-light, super-efficient car has made significant contributions toward revolutionizing the auto industry.

Currently, he's spearheading his state's efforts to address the opioid crisis from his position as the Director of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, having been appointed by two governors in succession.

*Dynamic Chiropractic* called his selection to this demanding position both a "prestigious responsibility" and "the right idea at the right time."

Chiropractor, regulator, leader, soccer coach, forward-thinker, councilman and mayor, volunteer, political mover and shaker, ground-breaker, husband, father, and ... did I mention juggler? These diverse roles are united in one man who tackles them all with a single philosophy: **lead by example** - or, in his own words, "roll up your sleeves and volunteer."

Ladies and gentlemen, please join me in congratulating the 2019 Arvidson Award Winner:

**Dr. David E. Brown**