

The Distinguished Service Award is given to honor an individual who has devoted years of service to the Turfgrass Industry and the MTA. In 2008 the Mississippi Turfgrass Association voted to change the name of this award to *THE DAVID (BUD) THIGPEN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD* in memory of Bud Thigpen. It is a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Below is a list of all those who have received this outstanding award since 1989. We do not have on file copies of those receiving the award prior to 1989. If a year does not have a recipient by it, an award was not given that year.

**2022 Butch Pugh
2021 Steve Kuyrkendall
2020
2019 Jay Strickland (Posthumously)
2018 Jay Coalter
2017 Mitch Parker
2016 Wayne Philley
2015 Jim Kwasinski
2014 Rob Webb
2013 Jim Taylor
2012 Wayne Box
2011 Pat Sneed
2009 Dr. Mike Goatley
2008 Dr. Jeff Krans
2007 Wayne Perkins
2006
2005 Brooks Webb
2004 Harry T. Collins
2003
2002 Al Davis
2001 Pat Cobb
2000
1999
1998 Marvin Rainey
1997 Bernard "Curlee" Green
1996 K. V. Estess
1995 Leo Klerr
1994 Charles Scroggins
1993 Bernard "Curlee" Green
1992 Dr. D. L. Fontenot
1989 James R. Carpenter**