Sumner Williams Lifetime Achievement Award

The award (previously called the Presidents Award) was renamed in January 2000 in memory of Sumner Williams, then Assistant Director of the University of Vermont Proctor Maple Research Center. Sumner was a sugar maker, researcher and educator and a friend to anyone involved in the maple industry. At the time of his death, Sumner was serving as President of the Vermont Maple Industry Council.

The Sumner Hill Williams Memorial Cup is presented each year at the Annual Meeting by the Vermont Maple Sugar Makers Association to honor an individual for outstanding service and dedication to the Vermont maple industry. The VMSMA Executive Director shall request in writing or email nominations from the Board. The nomination should include the reason the person is nominated.

Past Recipients

Wilson “Bill” Clark__2001  George Cook_______2009  Andre Messier___________2017
Sam Cutting III___________2002  Truman Young___________2010  Mike Guillemette__2018
Carolyn Perley___________2003  Dr. Timothy Perkins___2011  Brian Stowe___________2019
Larry Myott___________2004  Henry Marckres _______2012  Don “Duffy” Dolliver_2019
W. Robert Howrigan_2005  Don & Betty Lockhart____2013  Dr. Abby van den Berg____2020
Jacques Couture___2006  Senator Patrick Leahy____2014  Mark Isselhardt________2021
Bruce Martell___________2007  Tim Wilmot_______2015  Mike Christian___________2022