



PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

May 21, 2025

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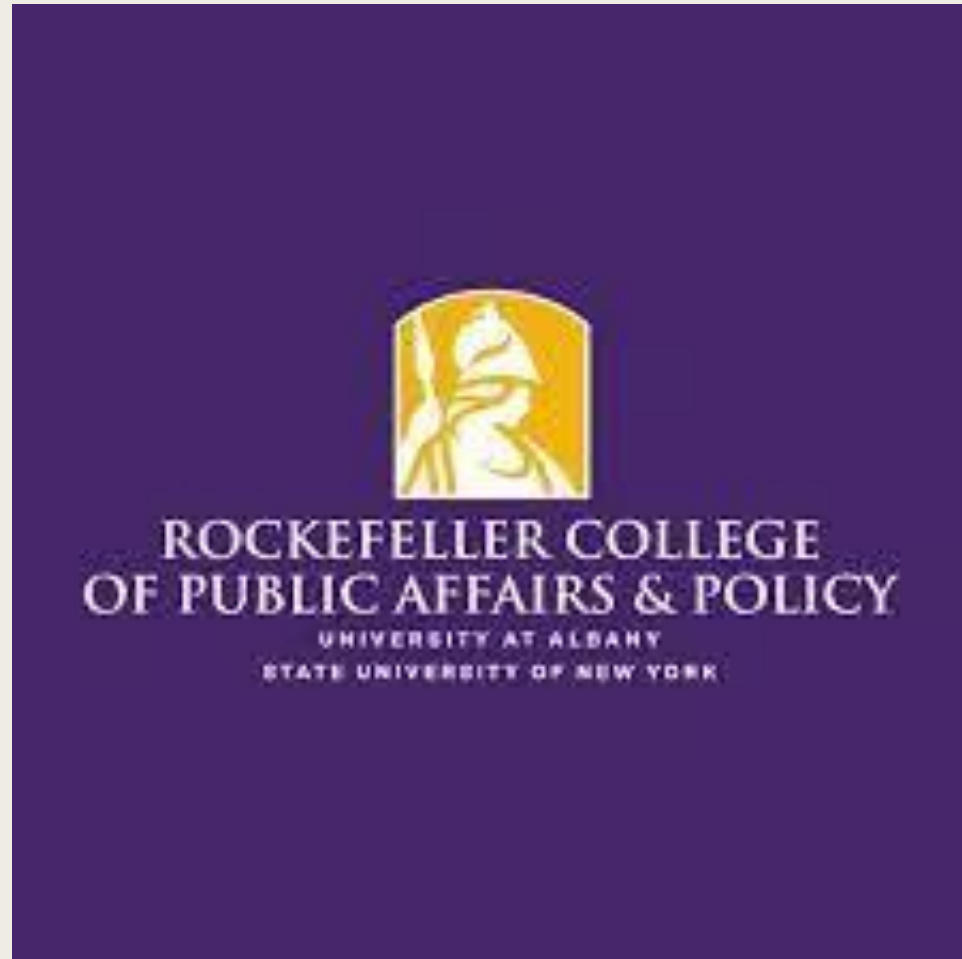
**SAPA's Public Service
Excellence Award
program celebrates
outstanding individuals
and teams in state and
local government who
exemplify the best of
public service in New York
State**



The Public Service Excellence Awards Review Committee

- Joan Sullivan, Chair
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Welcome

Dr. Julie Novkov

Dean, Rockefeller College of
Public Affairs and Policy
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2025 Keynote Address

Hon. Timothy R. Hogue

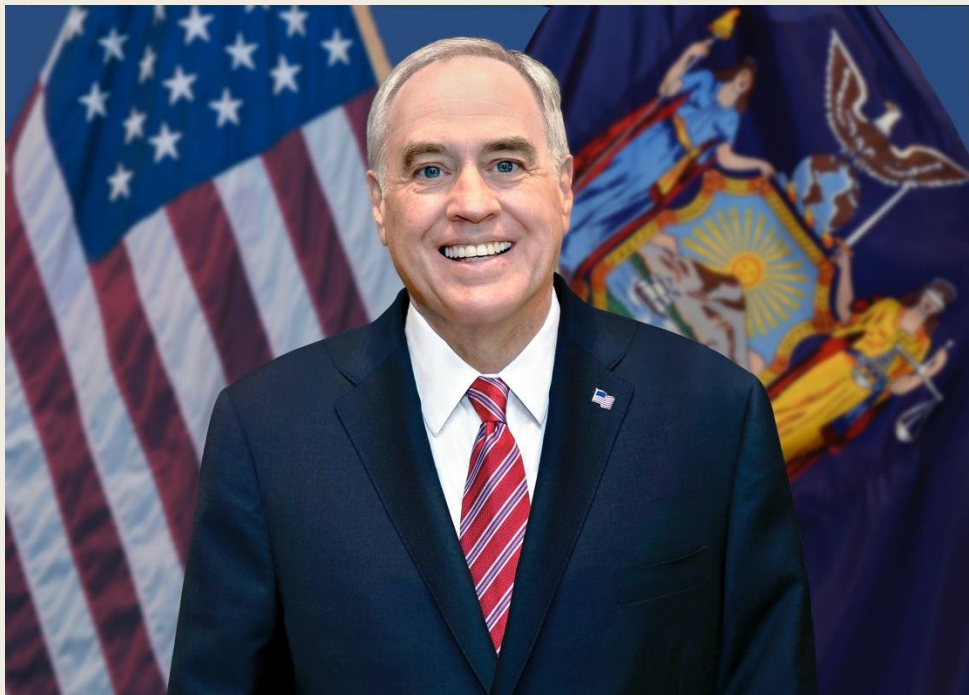
Commissioner, NYS
Department of Civil Service
and President of the NYS Civil
Service Commission



Presentation of Public Service Excellence Awards



The Nelson A. Rockefeller Award for Distinguished Public Service



2025 Nelson A. Rockefeller Award for Distinguished Public Service

The Honorable Thomas P.
DiNapoli

54th Comptroller of the State
of New York



A Message from Comptroller DiNapoli



TEAM AWARDS

Information Technology Services



Team Award



**NYS Office of Information Technology
Services**

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NYS Office of Information Technology Services Team

- Scott Geer
- Lauren Holupko
- Lisa Lane
- Marcy Kelso
- Zachariah Markowski
- Anthony Brott

Taxation and Finance



Team Award



**NYS Department of Taxation and
Finance –
Direct File Development Team**

NYS Department of Taxation and Finance Direct File Development Team Representatives

Representing the NYS
Department of Taxation &
Finance:

- Alicia Evans
- Jason Bardin
- Richard Harris
- Christina Snover

Representing the NYS
Office of Information
Technology Services:

- Michael Harris
- Swathi Daroori
- Jeffrey Herb
- Amarender Thati

Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation



Team Award



**NYS Office of Parks, Recreation
and Historic Preservation
Grants Bureau**

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- Kate Badgley
- Mary Beth Bobish
- Lucy Breyer
- Traci Christian
- Leslie Ciccone
- Kimberly Companion
- Erin Drost
- Danielle Dwyer
- Emily Ercolano
- Amber Face
- Karen Ferguson
- Nicole Freeman
- Beatrice Gamache
- Amy Gardner
- Lanaya Garnes

- Johanna Gleason
- Megan Haggerty
- Sharese Hanson
- Thomas Hotaling
- Kathy Hughes
- Sunshine Jenkins
- Allison Lattin
- Michelle Leffler
- Shareese Marrero
- Amanda Marsh
- Nicole Miele
- Jennifer Richard
- Adam Sanzone
- Christina Stenson-Carey



INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Excellence Award

Karen Geduldig

**Taxation
and Finance**



Excellence Award

Janet Braga



New York State Archives
Partnership Trust



Excellence Award

George “Chip” Gorman

Parks,
Recreation
and Historic
Preservation



Arnold L. Steigman PhD Excellence In Teaching Award

**J. Christopher
Mihm**

S **Syracuse University**
Maxwell School of
Citizenship & Public Affairs



Arnold L. Steigman PhD Excellence In Teaching Award -- Commendation

Chief Leo Dylewski

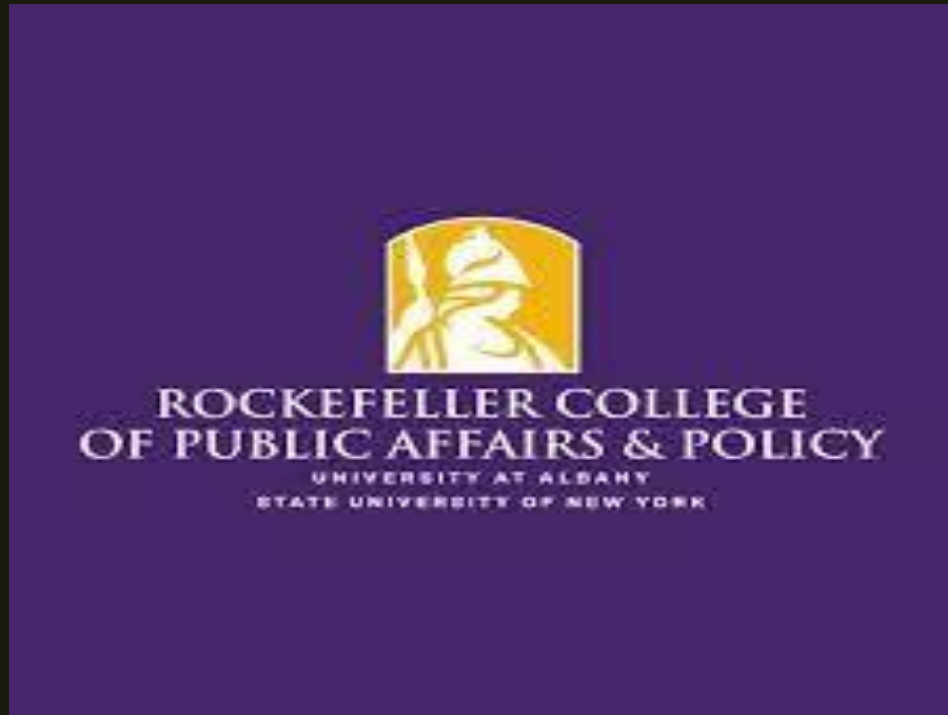


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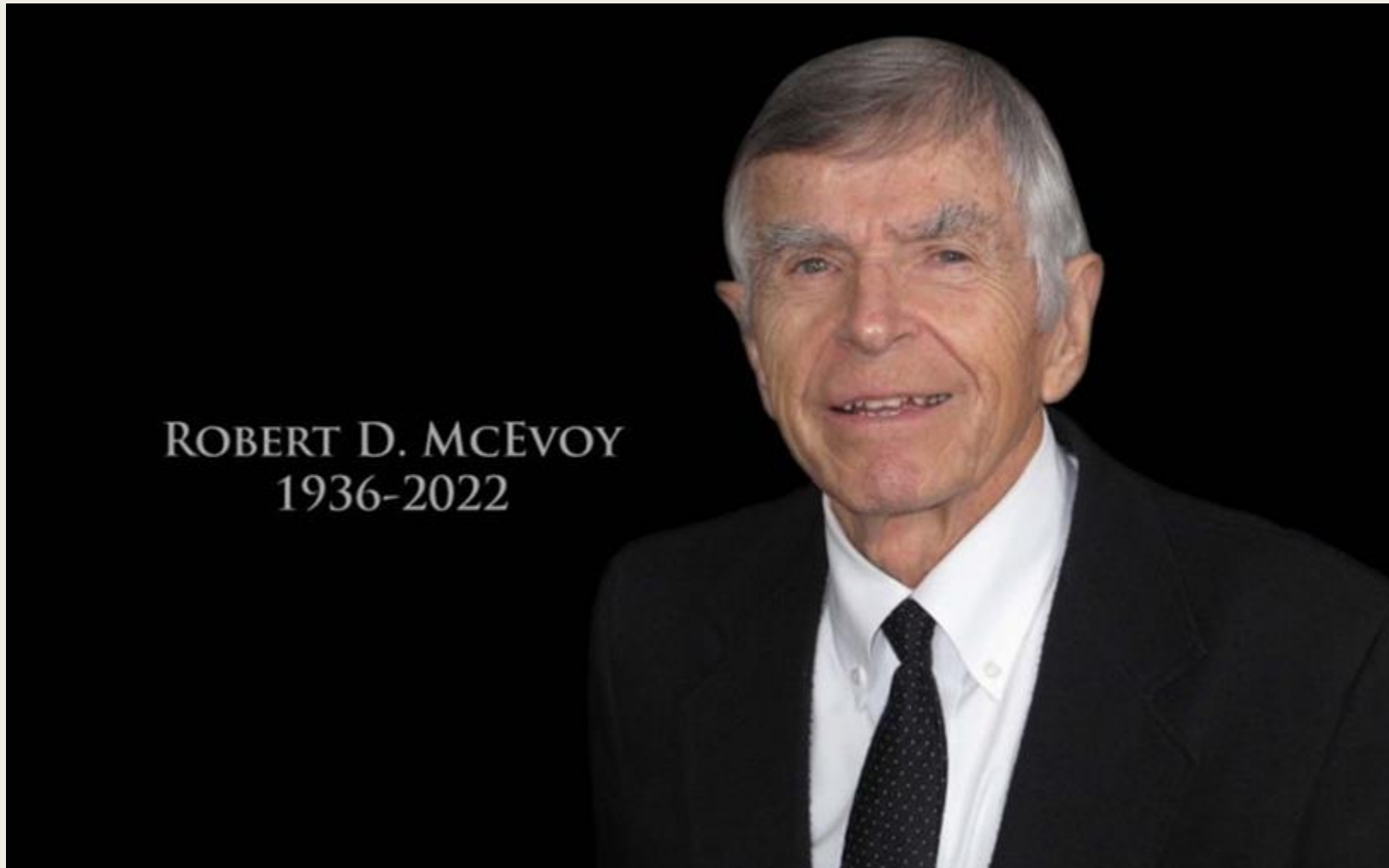


Arnold L. Steigman PhD Excellence In Teaching Award -- Commendation

Prof. Margaret Gould



***Robert D. McEvoy
Excellence in Local Government
Service Award***



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Excellence in Local Government Service Award



Phil Church
Oswego County Administrator

37 graduates of SAPA's Essentials Program

A leadership development program for early and mid-career public administrators who are actively seeking or recently acquired a managerial position

**Stephen L.
Schechter
Essentials of
Public
Service
Leadership
Program**



The Essentials Graduates

- Danielle Adams
- Bidhan Bhurtel
- Suzanne Burke
- Alexander Burns
- Amiya Castro
- Kathleen DeMuth
- Kristi DiDonna
- Paul Ely
- Danielle Fabrizi Pharm.D.
- Aaron Fiammetta
- Natanaella Germain
- Cheryl Glenn
- Tyler Grieves
- Jacqueline Hayes
- Thomas Hotaling
- Jesse Kendall
- Michelle Kindlon-Doin
- Wesley Kirby
- Cassandra Klewicki
- Chuck Lansburg
- Allison Lattin
- Shakema Lynch
- MaryBeth Maikels
- Justine Maloy
- Karine Montanye
- Nicole Moon
- Nicole Oliver
- Joseph Panza
- Sarah Pebler
- Robert Pitkofsky
- Ezra Scott Jr.
- Y Lisa Simpson
- Samantha Spain
- Michael Sprague
- Chelsea Towers
- Suzanne Trzcinski
- Alicia Wilson



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