

## **DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN'S 2019 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONSERVATION**

Do you know of a local conservation champion that deserves recognition for their undying commitment to our environment? If so, Desert Botanical Garden would love to hear from you!

We are currently looking for nominations for our annual Award for Excellence in Conservation, which recognizes the exceptional conservation leadership, achievements, and/or innovations of one individual or organization in Arizona.

In order to submit a nomination, review the description below to see if your conservation champion qualifies for recognition. If so, please fill out the following form and attach two letters of support (pdf) describing the nominee's accomplishments so that our selection committee might consider them for this honor.

**Please submit this form by July 31, 2019.**

**If you have any questions, we would be more than happy to answer them at [Award@dbg.org](mailto:Award@dbg.org).**

### **Qualifications**

1. Must live in Arizona.
2. Works in the conservation environment arena..
3. Has sustained commitment and significant impact in the field of conservation.

### **Timeline**

- Nominations submitted by **July 31, 2019**.
- Top 3 finalists will be announced in August.
- The award will be presented at our annual Conservation Celebration Luncheon in November.

### **Selection Committee**

Our committee will include seven members this year, including two Garden representatives, the past two winners, and three representatives from key Central Arizona Conservation Alliance partners - Maricopa County Parks, McDowell Sonoran Conservancy, and the Sonoran Institute.

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### **Our Past Winners**

In 2018, we honored Tamara Woodbury for her pivotal leadership as the CEO of the Girl Scouts–Arizona Cactus-Pine Council; her work has led to the connection of countless young women to nature. It was also under her guidance that the Bob & Renee Parsons Leadership Center for Girls and Women at Camp South Mountain was opened to serve the Arizona community in 2017.

The first Award for Excellence in Conservation was bestowed on Mayor Jackie Meck in 2017 for his visionary leadership in Buckeye, which emphasized the protection of the city's open spaces for residents, and included his involvement in the formation and management of the White Tank Mountains Conservancy.

**NOMINEE'S INFORMATION**

**Individual or Organization Nominee Name:**

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**Individual Nominee Job Title and Organization Affiliation (if applicable):**

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**Nominee's Address:**

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Street address, city, state, zip code

**Nominee's Email Address:**

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**Nominee's Phone Number:**

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**NOMINATOR'S INFORMATION**

**Nominator's Name:**

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**Nominator's Job Title and Organization Affiliation:**

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## **YOUR NOMINATION**

**How do you know the nominee?**

**Tell us why your candidate is deserving of this award. How have they made an impact in the field of conservation?**

**Please attach two letters of support from additional supporters in pdf format.**

Letters should include information on why the supporter agrees with your nomination, any information on the nominee's accomplishments, and information about the supporter's own job title and affiliated organization. If possible, please ask that letters of support be on official letterhead; all letters of support should be signed by the letter writer.