



ABSA Award Recipients

Award Presentations from the ABSA Conference, October 2003

Everett Hanel, Jr. Presidential Award

LouAnn Burnett, CBSP
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee

As a tireless individual who has devoted much time to the Training and Education Committee, the Pre-Conference Course Expansion, and developed the ABSA web site as Communications Committee Chair. Through her perseverance, she continues to make significant changes to the web site. With a unique ability to get the most and best out of those who work with her, she is a leader who exudes confidence and ability to motivate and successfully complete an assignment.

Arnold G. Wedum Distinguished Achievement Award

Manny Barbeito, CBSP
Frederick, Maryland

As a student of Dr. Wedum, he developed a broad knowledge in the field of biosafety. He used the information to mentor others, to advance the field through research, to lead, and to share knowl-

edge as a public service. Biological safety professionals, scientists, research leaders, government agencies, and the public have benefited from his teaching, research, leadership, and a desire to share knowledge. A distinguished career at Ft. Detrick led to an equally distinguished career in the Department of Agriculture where he served as a biological safety authority in the Animal Research Service. He received the President's Award, has been an ABSA President and is today still a teacher, advisor, and friend.

John H. Richardson Special Recognition Award

Phil Hagan, MPH
Georgetown University
Washington, DC

As one of the individuals who characterizes the unselfish and unrewarding talents of ABSA members, as Publications Committee Chair, he took the *ABSA Newsletter* and made it into an interesting exchange platform for biological safety. He brought articles of note and produced a newsletter that was timely and on schedule. His effort in producing a quarterly news exchange has led to the incorporation of articles into *Applied Biosafety*.