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Founders' Award Recipients

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| 1995 | Jane Terhune, CLAS (OK) and Dorthea Jorde, CLAS (ND) | Founders of NALA |
| 1996 | Una A. Clark, CLA (CA) | First editor of <i>Facts & Findings</i> |
| 1998 | Virginia Koerselman, Esq. (NE) | Author & Paralegal Educator |
| 1999 | Kay Kasic, CLA (CA) | Former NALA President; Organized the CLA Short Course |
| 2000 | Marge Dover, CAE | NALA Executive Director, 25th anniversary |
| 2001 | Karen M. Dunn, CLAS, (CO) | Former NALA President; author of Real Estate Review Manual |
| 2002 | Crowe & Dunlevy Law Firm (OK) | Firm that filed an amicus brief in the Oklahoma Supreme Court in support of the award of paralegal time in attorney fee cases |
| 2003 | Connie Kretchmer, CLA (NE) | Former NALA President; author |
| 2004 | Mark Milker, Esq (VT) | NALA Certifying Board member and member of the first APC Board; author; educator |
| 2005 | Pamela J. Bailey, CLAS (PA) | Former NALA President; educator |
| 2006 | Karen Sanders-West, ACP (KS) | Former NALA President; educator |
| 2007 | Marie Greninger (OK) | NALA Director of Administration; Certification |
| 2008 | Amy Howe, Esq (DC) | Filed amicus brief in the US Supreme Court in <i>Richland v. Chertoff</i> in support of award of paralegal time in attorney fee awards |



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| 2010 | Patricia G. Elliott, ACP (AZ) | Former President of NALA |
| 2011 | Glenn A. Leier, Attorney (OR) | Member of NALA APC Board; author and educator |
| 2012 | Vicki Voisin, ACP (MI) | Former NALA President, Paralegal Mentor |
| 2013 | Jimmie Murvin, ACP, LCP (LA) | Former NALA Board member; teacher and leader in advancing state certification for paralegals |
| 2014 | Debra J. Smith, ACP (IL) | Former NALA President; teach and advocate for advanced specialty certification for paralegals |
| 2015 | Bradley J. Beehler, Esq. (ND) | Former NALA Certifying Board Member and Advanced Paralegal Certification Board Member; author and educator |
| 2016 | Eric D. Olson, J.D. (FL) | Member of NALA Certifying Board and contributor in NALA receiving accreditation by the NCCA |
| 2018 | James "Jim" J. Proszek, J.D. (OK) | Served on NALA Certifying Board, helped develop and teach the NALA Short Course in Litigation and Instructor in Civil Procedure at TCC Paralegal Program |
| 2020 | Vicki J. Kunz, ACP (ND) | Former NALA President, 2011 President's Award winner, multiple NALA committee(s) member, Instructor and member of former Leap Program, author |
| 2021 | Mary Kubichek, JD (WY) | Formed and ran Casper College Paralegal Program (CCPP) for 30 years. Instrumental in fostering the creation of the Legal Assistants of Wyoming (LAW) |
| 2022 | Elizabeth Mann, Attorney (SC) | Former NALA Certifying Board Member, instrumental in acquiring and maintaining ABA approval for paralegal program at Greenville Technical College, educator |
| 2023 | Melody Drew (OK) | NALA Certification Manager |
| 2024 | Carl Morrison, ACP (NV) | Promoted profession through education, mentorship, and advocacy. Host of <i>The Paralegal Voice</i> Podcast, served on Certifying Board and ABA Standing committees |



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