



American Association of Museums
Standing Professional Committee on Education

2009 John Cotton Dana Award for Leadership

This award recognizes an individual, other than someone working directly with museum education programs, for efforts on behalf of public education and community service. The AAM Education Committee established the award in 1991 in tribute to John Cotton Dana, Founder and Director of the Newark Museum. During his life, he worked incessantly to make the museum a center of community service whose chief function was to be educational and interpretive.

Nominees: A wide spectrum of individuals and organizations are eligible for this award. Only practicing museum educators are ineligible since this award is designed to recognize those outside the field of museum education who exhibit outstanding leadership and promote the educational responsibility and capacity of museums. Eligible nominees include museum directors, curators, researchers, exhibit designers, school administrators, government officials, or those in foundations, corporations, and training programs.

The John Cotton Dana Award recognizes exemplary leadership. It is therefore awarded on an occasional basis (not annually) as extraordinary leadership is brought to the attention of the nominating committee through the nomination process.

Nominee Information:

Name:

Institution:

Position:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Please provide the following information on a separate sheet of paper.

Please describe why you are nominating this person (their professional activism, mentoring colleagues, contributions to literature, etc.)

Nominator Information:

Your name:

Institution:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Award Winners will be honored at the AAM Annual Meeting.

Postmark no later than Friday, January 16, 2009, send the application to:

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*See www.edcom.org "EdCom at the AAM Annual Meeting" for a copy of the description of standards, and a description of past awardees.