

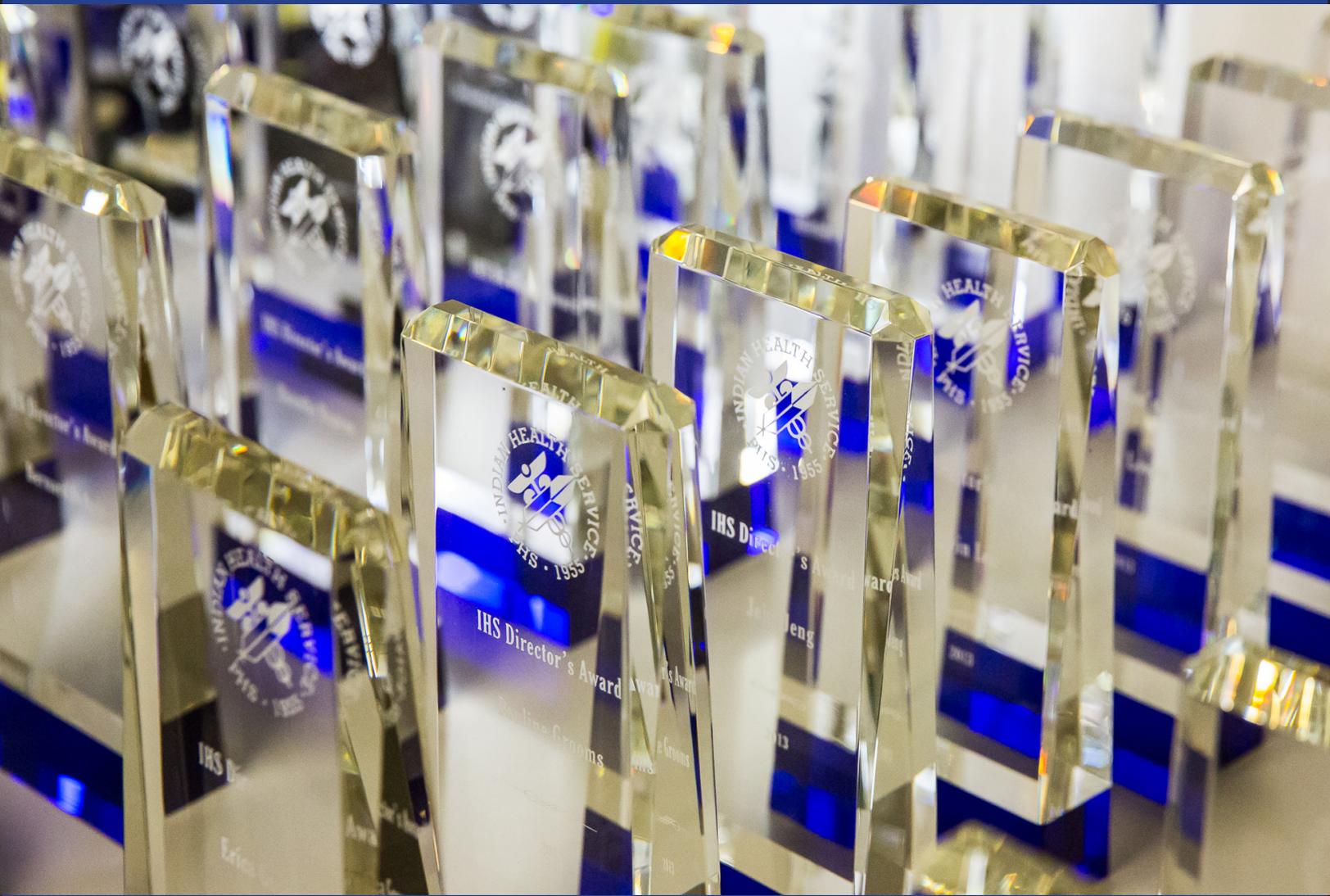
INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
Director's Awards Ceremony



Presented on November 6, 2014

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Message from the Director

I am pleased to share with you the program from the 2013 Indian Health Service (IHS) Director's Award Ceremony. The IHS Director's Awards Ceremony is an opportunity to recognize individuals who have performed extraordinary work in furthering the IHS mission to raise the health status of American Indian and Alaska Native people to the highest possible level and who have helped us make progress on our agency priorities.

The IHS Director's Award Ceremony acknowledges and highlights the many extraordinary accomplishments of our Agency's talented and dedicated workforce. All IHS, tribal, and urban Indian health program employees use this opportunity to recognize deserving individuals. The Director's Awards offer a chance for us to reflect on what we are doing well in the IHS and to honor those who are truly going above and beyond the call of duty to support our organization.

It was a pleasure and an honor to select these dedicated and deserving awardees for the IHS Director's Awards. I found it incredibly uplifting to read the award nominations and very challenging to select the award recipients. These awards represented accomplishments in the year 2013 and were awarded at the ceremony on November 6, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

In addition to the regular IHS Director's Awards that give national recognition for outstanding work by individuals and groups, we created the IHS Director's Special Recognition Awards to honor those who partner with us and who have demonstrated extraordinary achievements in public health leadership, federal leadership, and organizational leadership. We also have the IHS Director's Awards for Customer Service. Customer service is a top agency priority, and we are honoring those who have been noticed by their fellow employees and our patients for their outstanding customer service.

The Luana Reyes Leadership Award continues to be presented to an individual who reflects the values and characteristics of a future leader that were so apparent in the great leader for whom the award is named.

As we work to change and improve the IHS, we need to take time to honor individuals and groups who make outstanding contributions. They are all further proof that the IHS has the most dedicated employees in the federal government who demonstrate time and again their devotion to our mission and their determination to end health disparities and health care inequalities among American Indian and Alaska Native people.

Congratulations to all the 2013 IHS Director's Award winners!



