



Recipients of the “Don Franco Distinguished Service Award”

This award was established in 2015

2017 Carl Wintzer

Vice President

G.A. Wintzer & Son Company

Carl Wintzer was a hero to many in the U.S. rendering industry for his wisdom, love of rendering and inspiration. Teamwork was Carl’s operating system” and he understood how a well-coached team on the field or at this company would succeed and a poorly-coached one would fail. Carl served as chairman of the Fats and Proteins Research Foundation and contributed his leadership skills to the National Renderers Association over many years. His technical knowledge and mentoring provided great benefit to the entire rendering industry. Carl passed away unexpectedly in 2017.

2016 James M. Andreoli

CEO and Chairman of the Board

Baker Commodities Inc.

Jim Andreoli, Sr. is recognized as a champion in the U.S. rendering industry. During his career, he has contributed significant time and expertise to help solve industry challenges and improve operations. His hallmarks are his hard work, dedication, honesty and care for his employees and their families. Jim has been an industry innovator in rendering production, logistics and marketing, including jointly developing the first continuous rendering system with Keith Engineering that is used today.

2015 Dr. Fred Bisplinghoff (retired)

“Dr. Fred” contributed immensely to the advancement of the rendering industry after a distinguished career in government and agriculture. Under his leadership of the National Renderers Association, the Fats and Proteins Research Foundation and the Animal Protein Producers Industry Committee, important scientific and technical advancements were accomplished to benefit renderers in the U.S. and Canada.