The City of Newton established the Newton Human Rights Commission in 1973 to ensure mutual understanding and respect among all persons in the City by promoting acceptance of diversity and combating discrimination. The commissioners and advisory council members come from all walks of life and are volunteers who live or work in Newton.

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HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD CEREMONY

RECOGNIZING

Bruce Apotheker

and

Newton High School Students

December 6, 2022

The Newton Human Rights Award recognizes an individual or group who, by their efforts has improved the quality of life in Newton by promoting greater understanding and appreciation of race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, or ancestry, or by working to reduce discrimination in areas such as housing, employment, or education. The award is based on a person or group's overall commitment to human rights work.

1985 Irene Egan and	2003 Claire Kashuck
Eloise Houghton	2004 Dr. Katharine Butler Jones
1986 Carol Beard	2005 Rev. Howard M. Haywood
1987 Linda & Everett Blake and	2006 John Shattuck
Alice & John Webber	2007 Dr. Howard Wishnie
1988 Leonard Zakim	2008 Ellen Lubell Doris Tennant
1989 Newton North High School	2009 Audrey Cooper
Human Rights Committee &	2010 Mary Margaret Pappas
Lt. Charles E. Feeley	2011 Robert Caruso Girard Plante
1990 Jason Rosenberg	2013 Maryann Ferguson Mayfield
1991 Daniel P. Kunitz	2014 Arese & Walter Carrington
1992 Nadine Cohen	2015 Tyrone Powell
1993 Phyllis Monderer	2016 Holly Gunner
1994 Rev. Gerry Krick	2017 Dr. Janet Helms
1995 Hon. David B. Cohen	2018 Newton Public School Educators
1996 Michael Bourg	2019/2020 Susan Church
1997 Setti Warren	2021 Indigenous People's Day Committee
1998 Fr. Walter H. Cuenin	Renande Loayza Regina Wu
1999 Jeanne White	
2000 Josephine MacNeil	

2001 Mike Feldstein | Hank Van Putten

2002 Sheila Decter

THIS EVENING'S EVENTS

Welcome

Rabbi Keith Stern Chair, Newton Human Rights Commission

Student Honorees

Gianna Burgess
Margot Carmona-Born
Franklin Gu
Hillary Mukasa
Abby Puduseril
Catia Schiff
Emily Schwartz

About the High School Human Rights Award

This award is given to Newton high school students in recognition of their involvement and advocacy to help ensure mutual understanding and respect among all persons by promoting acceptance of diversity and by working to combat discrimination.

Human Rights Award Presentation Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

Award Acceptance
Bruce Apotheker

Final RemarksRabbi Keith Stern