

Dixon Freedom Award Winners

2025

Media: Diego Lopez; Editor, *Cibola Citizen*

Media: Milan Simonich; Columnist, *Santa Fe New Mexican*

Government: Katherine Garcia-Gallegos; Records Custodian/IPRA Manager for City of Santa Fe

Government: Sarah Silva; State Representative, District 53, Doña Ana & Otero

Lifetime Achievement: The Lang Family; Owners, publishers of the *Albuquerque Journal*

Lifetime Achievement: Kathi Bearden; Publisher of the *Hobbs News-Sun*, Retired

2024

Citizen: Katherine Korte

Government: Rep. Nathan Small

Government: John Kreienkamp

Media: Brittany Costello

Media: Debra Mayeux

2023

Citizen: Maralyn Beck

Government: Sen. Nancy Rodriguez

Law: Matthew Beck

Media: D'Val Westphal

Lifetime Achievement: Susan Boe

Lifetime Achievement: Billie Blair

2022

Citizen: Byron Marshall

Education: Kathleen Hager

Government: Rep. Marian Matthews

Government: Greg Trapp

Media: Vincent Rodriguez

2021

Citizen: Doug Michel

Government: Rep. Kelly Fajardo

Government: Rep. Matthew McQueen

Media: Ed Williams

2020

Citizen: Teri Garcia

Citizen: Stephane Mortensen

Government: Rep. James Townsend

Government: Ethan Watson

Law: Adam Flores

Media: Ryan Lowrey

2019

Citizen: Nancy Henry; citizen journalist, watchdog and transparency advocate

Government: Sen. Daniel Ivey-Soto; D-Bernalillo

Government: Keith Manes; Lea County Clerk

Health: Tom Scharmen; health equity data scientist

Media: *The Jal Record*

Lifetime Achievement: Larry Barker; investigative reporter KRQE-13.

2018

Citizen: Jorja Armijo-Brasher; former director of Office of Senior Affairs, City of Albuquerque

Government: Sen. James White; D-Bernalillo, Sandoval, Santa Fe & Torrance Counties

Law: Freedman, Boyd, Hollander, Goldberg, Urias & Ward PA

Media: Nancy Laflin; KOAT-7

2017

Citizen: Sondra Everhart
Government: Animal Village New Mexico
Law: Blair Dunn
Media: Sandra Fish

2016

Citizen: Norm Gaume
Business: Teri Cole
Education: Dr. Annette Marie Rodriquez
Media: Steve Terrell

2015

Education: Dr. Chad Painter
Government: Mark Leech
Media: Peter St. Cyr
Lifetime: Kent Walz

2014

Government: Rep. Jeff Steinborn
Law: Charles "Kip" Purcell
Media: Colleen Heild

2013

Citizen: Dr. William Turner
Law: Patrick Griebel
Law: Jeremy Theoret
Media: Heath Haussamen
Media: *The Santa Fe Reporter*
Lifetime: Rob Dean

2012

Government: Mayor Richard J. Berry
Government: Officer Charles Wollmann
Law: Dolph Barnhouse
Media: Jeff Proctor
Lifetime: Jim Dines

2011

Education: Bryant Furlow
Education: Scott Blackwell
Government: Sen. Sander Rue
Law: Matthew R. Hoyt
Organization: League of Women Voters Santa Fe County

2010

Business: Norm Becker
Education: Winston Brooks
Government: Rep. Janice Arnold-Jones
Law: Hal Simmons
Media: Robert B. Trapp

2008

Government: Bob White
Law: Gregory Williams
Media: Sammy Lopez

2006

Business: Sam Spencer
Education: Pat Graff
Government: Sen. Dede Feldman
Law: Martin Esquivel
Media: Rockford M. Hayes

2005

Business: Jim Hinton
Government: Rep. Joseph Cervantes
Law: Daniel Yohalem
Media: Kathi Bearden

2004

Business: Jamie Koch
Education: J. Sean McCleneghan
Government: Max Coll
Law: Pat Rogers

2003

Business: Michael Stanford

Government: Ted Hobbs

Law: Charles Peifer

Media: Robert E. Trapp

2002

Business: Jeff Sterba

Education: Daniel H. Lopez

Government: Mayor Martin Chavez

Law: Jim Dines