



UNIVERSITY DISTRICT IMPACT AWARD INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

The University District's **Impact Award** recognizes individuals and/or organizations that have demonstrated excellence in leadership through deep local engagement and exceptional initiative. The award is designed to acknowledge those who provide thoughtful, community-driven, innovative, and sustainable solutions to critical issues facing the University District.

Past University District Impact Award recipients include:

2017 – Dave and Mari Clack received the inaugural award in October 2017 at a UD community celebration at Gonzaga University for their early and long-lasting contributions to the University District.

2018 – no award

2019 – Kim Pearman-Gillman was celebrated during the University District Gateway Bridge opening in May 2019 for her leadership in bringing that game-changing project to fruition and for her longstanding service to the UD Board.

2020 – Dean Allen, McKinstry CEO, received the 2020 award for his transformative role in developing the south landing of the Gateway Bridge and the "Health Peninsula" the new home of the UW-GU Health Partnership Building.

2021 – Jim Sheehan was honored for his decades of service to Spokane as a public defender, community leader, philanthropist, and environmental activist. His investment in and transformation of East Main Ave into a vibrant commercial and community hub was catalytic for the UD.

2022 – Kim Zentz received the 2022 award for her years of community service on several Spokane boards and non-profits (including the University District) as well as her leadership roles during her distinguished career in the utility, economic development, higher education, and energy sectors.

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals or organizations may receive this award. Previous award winners and current University District board members or staff are not eligible. The nominee's work must serve populations in the University District.

AWARD TO INDIVIDUAL

This award is given to someone who has made a significant contribution to the University District and whose collaborative work and selfless leadership have inspired community action and measurable impact.

AWARD TO ORGANIZATION

This award is given to an organization that demonstrates an exemplary commitment to improving the University District, supporting its stakeholders, and creating greater community health, wealth, equity, and opportunity in the District. The nominated organization will have undertaken collaborative and pioneering efforts to benefit



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University District development, revitalization, economic prosperity, innovation, public health and safety, and community engagement.

EVALUATION AND SELECTION

The University District Executive Committee (EC) can initiate a public or closed nomination process and can receive nominations informally so long as sufficient information is available to evaluate the nominee by the published deadline. Before evaluation and deliberation, the EC will decide on the timeline for submissions, selection, and recognition. Those making nominations may be asked to provide additional information, if necessary. The EC will confirm nominees' eligibility and will present their recommendation(s) to the UDDA board of directors for award selection.