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# Hall of Fame

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# Region Advisors

Region Advisors support District leaders in their efforts to fulfill the District mission of building new clubs and supporting all clubs in achieving excellence. They play an important role in guiding and coaching Districts to achieve Distinguished recognition. Toastmasters International recognizes the 2019–2020 Region Advisors for their outstanding contributions to the Districts in their region.

## **REGION 1**

Cindy Laatsch, DTM  
Sondra Nunez, DTM

## **REGION 2**

Jessica Allen, DTM  
Victoria Noethling, DTM

## **REGION 3**

Violetta Rios, DTM

## **REGION 4**

Ed Meissner, DTM  
Kimberly Myers, DTM

## **REGION 5**

Farzana Chohan, DTM  
Cyndi Wilson, DTM

## **REGION 6**

Jeff Sobel, DTM  
Jenilee Taylor, DTM

## **REGION 7**

Charles Gates, DTM

## **REGION 8**

Lana S. McFarlane, DTM

## **REGION 9**

Anne Gilson, DTM

## **REGION 10**

Jaap Russchenberg, DTM

## **REGION 11**

Sandra Cooper, DTM  
Ali Shahbaz Ali, DTM

## **REGION 12**

Coral McVean, DTM

## **REGION 13**

Brillian S.K., DTM

## **REGION 14**

Gauri Seshadri, DTM

# 2020 Presidential Citations

Each year, Toastmasters International recognizes members who have demonstrated exemplary service and dedication at the club, District, or international level with a special award. These remarkable Toastmasters have given their time, effort, and passion for the organization. As a result, they helped Toastmasters International maintain its reputation as the world leader in communication and leadership training.

## Presidential Citation Recipients

**Robert R. Dunning, DTM**  
Los Alamitos, California, United States

**Jean Gamester, DTM**  
Cardiff, United Kingdom

**Charles Gates, DTM**  
Toano, Virginia, United States

**Jim Key, DTM**  
Princeton, Texas, United States

**Kian Boon Lee, Augustine, DTM, PID**  
Ghim Moh Estate, Singapore

**Ross MacKay, DTM, AS, PID**  
Aurora, Ontario, Canada

**Coral McVean, DTM**  
Nambour, Queensland, Australia

**Rozmina Rana, DTM**  
Nairobi, Kenya

**Gene Reyes, DTM**  
Kenner, Louisiana, United States

**Jaap Russchenberg, DTM**  
Oegstgeest, Netherlands

**Gauri Seshadri, DTM**  
Bangalore, Karnataka, India

**Jeff Sobel, DTM**  
East Greenbush, New York, United States

**Dennis E. Wooldridge, DTM, PID**  
Deltona, Florida, United States

# Smedley Distinguished Districts

The designation of Smedley Distinguished District is the highest level of recognition a District can achieve. These Districts have completed the year with at least 8% net membership payments growth, at least 8% net club growth, and Distinguished clubs equal to at least 55% of the District's club base. The dedication and hard work of these leaders made a significant contribution to the success of Toastmasters around the world.



**District 116**  
**Raghavan Menon, DTM**  
 Qatar



**Pakistan Territorial Council**  
**Sameer Hamid Dodhy, DTM**  
 Pakistan



**Provisional District 114**  
**Harry Karanja, DTM**  
 East Africa



**District 92\***  
**Raj Kumar Bansal, DTM**  
 Karnataka and Kerala, India



**District 94\***  
**Rokiatou N'Diaye, DTM**  
 Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of the Congo, Senegal, Togo



**Brazil Territorial Council**  
**Maristela Camara, ACG, ALB**  
 Brazil



**District 41\***  
**Jennifer Helen Ghosh, DTM**  
 North and East India

*The Districts appear in order by Distinguished status, then ranked by the highest percentage of Distinguished clubs. Education designations are current as of the time of this publication. The \* denotes Excellence in Leadership Award for achieving Distinguished District for three or more consecutive years.*

## President's 20-Plus Awards

The President's 20-Plus Award celebrates those Districts that successfully motivate their clubs to achieve and maintain charter strength. The three Districts with the highest percentage of active clubs with 20 or more paid members at year-end receive this award.

### **District 116 – Raghavan Menon, DTM**

95.24% of clubs with 20-plus members

### **District 91 – Florian Bay, DTM**

77.65% of clubs with 20-plus members

### **District 82 – Mahalingam Sarmaa, DTM**

75.90% of clubs with 20-plus members

## President's Membership Retention Awards

The President's Membership Retention Award celebrates outstanding achievement in membership retention. The three Districts with the highest membership retention rate at year-end receive this award.

### **District 76 – Matthew Ownby, DTM**

70.85% of members retained

### **District 69 – Alana Beale, DTM**

63.44% of members retained

### **District 72 – Diane Isherwood, DTM**

63.10% of members retained

# President's Extension Awards

The District mission is clear in its directive of building new clubs and supporting all clubs in achieving excellence. The President's Extension Awards are presented to Districts for outstanding achievement in club building and retention. The three Districts with the largest net club growth during the program year receive this award.

## **District 92 – Raj Kumar Bansal, DTM**

Net growth of 30 clubs

## **District 41 – Jennifer Helen Ghosh, DTM**

Net growth of 27 clubs

## **District 85 – Helen He, DTM**

Net growth of 23 clubs

# President's Distinguished District

The designation of President's Distinguished District is awarded to Toastmasters' top-achieving Districts. These Districts have completed the year with at least 5% net membership payments growth, at least 5% net club growth, and Distinguished clubs equal to at least 50% of the District's club base.



**District 118\***  
**Alex Li, DTM**

Hong Kong, Macau, Fujian, Hainan, China

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# Select Distinguished Districts

Districts designated as Select Distinguished have exceeded their goals by completing the year with at least 3% net membership payments growth, at least 3% net club growth, and Distinguished clubs equal to at least 45% of the District's club base.



**District 95\***  
**Tobias Schlosser, DTM**  
Eastern Continental Europe



**District 59\***  
**Manie Conradie, ACB, ALB**  
Western Continental Europe



**District 102**  
**Yvonne Leong Lai Hoong, DTM**  
Malaysia



**District 51**  
**Christopher Choong, DTM**  
Malaysia



**District 93**  
**Taeryeon Jung, DTM**  
South Korea

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# Communication and Leadership Awards

## Competent Communicators

The Competent Communicator (CC) award acknowledges members' completion of the Competent Communication manual. Members who earn the CC award have gained the basic skills necessary for effective communication. From July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, a total of 11,461 members earned the distinction of CC.

## Advanced Communicators

The Advanced Communicator Bronze (ACB), Advanced Communicator Silver (ACS), and Advanced Communicator Gold (ACG) awards recognize members' accomplishments in the Advanced Communication Program. Members who achieve these awards have mastered effective communication on many levels. For the 2019–2020 program year, Toastmasters members earned 4,790 ACB awards, while 4,934 earned the ACS award, and 7,506 received the ACG award.

## Leadership Recognition

The Competent Leader (CL) award recognizes members for their leadership service in their clubs, while the Advanced Leader Bronze (ALB), and Advanced Leader Silver (ALS) awards recognize leadership service in the District and community. From July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, a total of 11,459 members earned the CL award, 5,380 earned the ALB award, and 5,353 earned the ALS award.

## Distinguished Toastmasters

The Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) award is the highest recognition our organization bestows on an individual. The award reflects outstanding communication and leadership skills. A total of 6,119 Distinguished Toastmaster awards were earned during the 2019–2020 program year. This includes awards earned both via the traditional education program and through the Pathways learning experience.

## Pathways Recognition

Pathways recognition acknowledges members who have earned Pathways levels. On June 30, 2020, nearly 80% of all members had selected a path in the Pathways learning experience. In the 2019–2020 program year, there were 95,765 Pathways levels earned, including 3,910 path completions.

2019–2020 Pathways Levels Earned	
Level 1	44,393
Level 2	25,451
Level 3	13,767
Level 4	8,244
Level 5 – Path Completion	3,910

# Pathways Adoption Award

The overall success of our members' adoption of Pathways is attributed to the support and continuous efforts of our Districts. The three Districts with the highest Pathways adoption rate will receive this award.

## **District 45 – Shane Walsh, DTM**

88.03% of members Pathways enabled

## **District 98 – Venkata Dittakavi, ACB, ALB**

87.09% of members Pathways enabled

## **District 113 – Alberto Escobar Medina, DTM**

86.47% of members Pathways enabled

# Excellence in Leadership Awards

Outstanding leadership and continued achievement within Districts help Toastmasters make effective communication a worldwide reality. The Excellence in Leadership Award is given to Districts that ended the year having achieved Distinguished District for three or more consecutive years.

**District 41**

**District 59**

**District 85**

**District 91**

**District 92**

**District 94**

**District 95**

**District 118**

## Distinguished Clubs

Our organization's success depends on the quality of our clubs. Clubs must provide an environment where members can thrive and confidently meet their goals of becoming better speakers and leaders. The Distinguished Club Program recognizes clubs that provided a high-quality learning environment for their members.

In 2019–2020, 49.1% of clubs worldwide received recognition, with 975 clubs recognized as Distinguished Clubs, 1,142 were Select Distinguished Clubs, and 5,855 were President's Distinguished Clubs.

# Distinguished Districts

Toastmasters International continues to grow as a result of our Districts' overall success in building new clubs and supporting all clubs in achieving excellence. Accordingly, clubs provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth. These Distinguished Districts have seen at least 1.5% net growth in both membership payments and clubs, and at least 40% of the District's club base.



**District 47**  
**Leonardo Burrows, DTM**  
Bahamas and Florida, United States



**District 91\***  
**Florian Bay, DTM**  
United Kingdom



**District 34**  
**Antonio Colorado, DTM**  
Southern Mexico



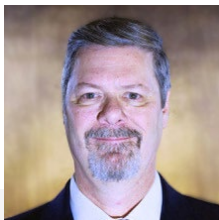
**District 85\***  
**Helen He, DTM**  
Southeastern China



**District 75**  
**Ann Margaret R. Dañga, DTM**  
Philippines



**District 49**  
**John Coleman, DTM**  
Hawaii



**District 29**  
**Dana Richard, DTM**  
Virginia, United States

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# Excellence in Program Quality Awards

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|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | Brad C. Stauffer, DTM       | <b>52</b> | Circe L. Denyer, DTM         |
| <b>5</b>  | Jonathan A. Deane, DTM      | <b>55</b> | Jean Ramsey, DTM             |
| <b>14</b> | Anwasha Banerjee, DTM       | <b>56</b> | Rose Williams Bradford, DTM  |
| <b>20</b> | Mohamed M. Saleem, DTM      | <b>57</b> | Bett Rose Bollhoefer, DTM    |
| <b>27</b> | Iris Lucille Taylor, DTM    | <b>59</b> | Robert van der Meer, DTM     |
| <b>29</b> | Narayanan Doraswamy, DTM    | <b>60</b> | Wendy Williamson, DTM        |
| <b>30</b> | Noel Ganay, DTM             | <b>61</b> | Kimberly B. Dueck, DTM       |
| <b>33</b> | Joseph S. Skoda, DTM        | <b>66</b> | William D. Tyree, DTM        |
| <b>34</b> | Esau Garcia Del Real, DTM   | <b>67</b> | Lisa Fang, DL1               |
| <b>37</b> | Ramona L. Baylor, DTM       | <b>71</b> | Gerard Mannix, DTM           |
| <b>37</b> | Michael David Beach, DTM    | <b>74</b> | Merryl O. Jubber, DTM        |
| <b>38</b> | Joshua D. Smith, DTM        | <b>75</b> | Marilyn P. Legaspi, DTM      |
| <b>41</b> | Nimish Joseph, DTM          | <b>76</b> | Yusuke Ohashi, DTM           |
| <b>42</b> | Christina M. Kruis, DTM     | <b>79</b> | Madhusha S. Nanayakkara, DTM |
| <b>43</b> | Teri J. Burks, DTM          | <b>80</b> | Cher Khim Ng, DTM            |
| <b>44</b> | Karen M. Doyle, DTM         | <b>81</b> | Brenda Maynard, DTM          |
| <b>46</b> | Grace Pemberton, DTM        | <b>82</b> | Pravin Mani, EC1             |
| <b>46</b> | Gary A. Wapnitsky, DTM      | <b>82</b> | M.M. Noorul Munawwara, DTM   |
| <b>47</b> | Ivan Clayton Thompson, DTM  | <b>85</b> | Chloe Xu, DTM                |
| <b>48</b> | Freeman Morey, DTM          | <b>86</b> | Jocelyne Vezina, DTM         |
| <b>49</b> | Sepiuta T. Holakeituai, DTM | <b>87</b> | Boon Kiat Ang, DTM           |
| <b>50</b> | Monica Dirden, DTM          | <b>88</b> | Dora Guo, DTM                |
| <b>51</b> | Carmen Loo, DTM             | <b>89</b> | Molly Yip, DTM               |

# Excellence in Program Quality Awards

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|------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>91</b>  | Arnaud Sartre, EC1                | <b>107</b>    | Cristina Juesas, DTM                 |
| <b>92</b>  | Chimmu Kutty, DTM                 | <b>108</b>    | Elena Paweta, DTM                    |
| <b>92</b>  | Boopathy Sankar Pallavapuram, DTM | <b>109</b>    | Lorenzo Gios, DTM                    |
| <b>93</b>  | SoonJa Sonia Kim, DTM             | <b>110</b>    | Dániel Kovári, DL1                   |
| <b>94</b>  | Aminata Keita, DTM                | <b>111BTC</b> | Faisal Abidin Lee, LD5               |
| <b>95</b>  | Elizabeth Smith, DTM              | <b>112</b>    | Sharon Kerr-Phillips, DTM            |
| <b>97P</b> | Venus Dennen Claver, DTM          | <b>113</b>    | Sergio Alejandro Leal Contreras, DTM |
| <b>98</b>  | Mukta Nadkar, DTM                 | <b>114P</b>   | Gladys Muhunyo, SR5                  |
| <b>101</b> | Vaibhav Singh, ACG, ALB           | <b>116</b>    | Kailayapillai Thayalan, DTM          |
| <b>102</b> | Meng Tze Lee, DTM                 | <b>118</b>    | Kate Lu, DTM                         |
| <b>104</b> | Mohammed Kunhi R. Purayil, DTM    | <b>122TC</b>  | Zaid Kaliya, DTM                     |
| <b>105</b> | Nelson Godwin Menezes, DTM        |               |                                      |

# Excellence in Club Growth Awards

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|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| <b>29</b> | Bettie L. St. Clair, DTM      | <b>92</b>     | Sagnik Biswas, DTM           |
| <b>34</b> | Salvador Santoyo Naranjo, DTM | <b>92</b>     | Vanitha Rangarajan, DTM      |
| <b>41</b> | Ranjit Acharya, DTM           | <b>93</b>     | Changmin Park, PM1           |
| <b>47</b> | Andrew Ira Bern, DTM          | <b>94</b>     | Patrick Oluyide, DTM         |
| <b>49</b> | Kory Isamu Ikeda, ACB, ALB    | <b>95</b>     | Stefan Gruss, DTM            |
| <b>51</b> | Grace Chan Hwee, DTM          | <b>111BTC</b> | Edith Barcelos Monteiro, VC2 |
| <b>59</b> | Juan Manuel Perafan, DTM      | <b>114P</b>   | Anthony Wangondu, PM2        |
| <b>75</b> | Richard John Uy Cua Ho, DTM   | <b>116</b>    | Manzoor P. Moideen, DTM      |
| <b>85</b> | Weiping Li, DTM               | <b>118</b>    | Angeltrace Qiu, DTM          |
| <b>91</b> | Helena Boden-Brewer, DTM      | <b>122TC</b>  | Talha Bin Hamid, DTM         |





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