



**2021**

# **Dr. Nathan Davis Awards for Outstanding Government Service**



Feb. 23  
Grand Hyatt Washington  
Washington, D.C.

## **Submission information**



Inaugurated by the American Medical Association in 1989, this awards program recognizes significant achievements by elected and career public servants in national, state and local governments.

Awarded to elected and career public servants in national, state and local government, the **Dr. Nathan Davis Awards for Outstanding Government Service**, which are named for the founder of the American Medical Association, are presented for outstanding contributions that “promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health.”

Through these awards, the AMA strives to encourage and stimulate public recognition for the highest standards of service throughout the levels of government and in the private sector. The awards underscore the significant accomplishments attained by men and women who are giving of themselves to advance the well-being of all.

To uphold the dictates of its constitution, the AMA, on behalf of its members, looks forward to receiving your nominations, and to selecting and saluting the recipients of the 2021 Dr. Nathan Davis Awards for Outstanding Government Service.

Please nominate one or more individuals in any of the categories cited herein who uphold and advance the criteria listed.

## ★ Award categories

- U.S. senator
- U.S. representative
- Member of the executive branch serving by presidential/political appointment (federal)
- Member of the executive branch in career public service (federal)
- Governor or elected statewide official
- Member of a state legislature
- Career public servant at the state or local level

## ★ Award criteria

The criteria to be observed in selecting these outstanding individuals shall include one or more of the following:

- Contributed greatly to the public health through elected and career government service
- Is an outstanding leader in his/her field
- Has high personal integrity
- Promoted the art and science of medicine in or through government service
- Developed a special project that contributed to the public health of a given community or special population

## ★ Submitting nominations

All nominations must be submitted in a typed format using the enclosed nomination form, or online at [www.ama-assn.org/about/awards/dr-nathan-davis-awards-outstanding-government-service](http://www.ama-assn.org/about/awards/dr-nathan-davis-awards-outstanding-government-service). Nominations must be received at the Office of the Secretariat by 5 p.m. Eastern time, Friday, Nov. 6, 2020.

Nominations should be submitted to:

Dr. Nathan Davis Awards  
Office of the Secretariat  
7800 Bonhomme Avenue, Suite 200  
St. Louis, MO 63105

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the awards secretariat at (314) 721-4506.

Awards, including a suitable recognition presentation piece, will be made by the AMA upon the selection of winners by an outstanding panel of judges. Judges may determine to select or not select a recipient in a given category. Awards will be presented at a recognition dinner in Washington, D.C. if the public health emergency is mitigated. If not, alternative arrangements will be made to reflect the prestige of the award.

## ★ 2020 recipients

### **Larry Hogan**

Governor  
State of Maryland

### **Tim Jones, MD**

Assistant commissioner and state epidemiologist  
Tennessee Department of Health

### **Raul Ruiz, MD**

United States Representative  
State of California

### **Martha Sedegah, PhD**

Director  
Clinical immunology and parasitology  
Malaria Department, Naval Medical Research Center

### **Nora D. Volkow, MD**

Director  
National Institute on Drug Abuse  
National Institutes of Health

### **John McCall Zerwas, MD**

District 28  
Texas House of Representatives