

# Gateway PGA Awards List & Overview

Each year, the PGA of America presents awards to recognize outstanding performances and superior achievements of PGA Members, both on and off the course. The Gateway PGA Special Awards process will go live on August 1, 2022 using the online awards management portal, OpenWater. See below for an overview of the awards to nominate PGA Members for and what each represents.

## **Joe Dodich PGA Golf Professional of the Year**

As one of the highest honors the Gateway PGA can bestow, this award recognizes a PGA Member who has performed outstanding services as an overall PGA Professional.

## **Assistant Golf Professional of the Year**

This award is the highest achievement the Association can bestow on a working assistant professional whose total contributions to the game best exemplify the complete PGA Assistant Professional. This award embraces a wide range of services executed by the Assistant professional.

## **Teacher & Coach of the Year**

The award bestows special recognition on a PGA Professional who has performed outstanding services as a golf teacher and coach.

## **Professional Development Award**

This award honors a PGA Member who personally displays a strong desire for lifelong education to include outstanding and continuing contributions to professional education.

## **Bill Strausbaugh Award**

The award honors a PGA Member who personally displays outstanding integrity, character and leadership through a commitment to mentoring and making significant impacts on the careers of PGA Professionals.

## **Player Development Award**

The award recognizes the PGA Member who has displayed extraordinary and exemplary contribution and achievement in the area of player development, considering the member's growth of the game leadership, commitment at the Section and National levels in the player development arena and the meaningful impact made at the facility.

## **Youth Player Development Award**

This award gives special recognition to a PGA Professional who has displayed extraordinary and exemplary contribution and achievement in the area of youth player development.

### **Patriot Award**

This award recognizes the PGA Professional who personifies patriotism through the game of golf and demonstrates unwavering commitment and dedication to the men and women who have valiantly served and protected the United States of America.

### **PGA Merchandiser of the Year Award**

The award is designed to recognize those PGA Professionals who have excelled as business persons/merchandisers in the promotion of golf. The PGA honors PGA Professionals in three categories: Private, Public and Resort facilities.

### **Salespersons of the Year**

The award is designed to recognize those individuals who have excelled as golf industry sales representatives serving the PGA Facilities throughout the Section. The Gateway PGA honors individuals in two categories: Hard Goods and Soft Goods.