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Notable Past Richardson Prize Recipients

2023 - Adm. Thad Allen and Gov. David Beasley

Thad Allen served as U.S. Coast Guard Commandant from 2006-2010. Renowned for his crisis leadership, he oversaw federal response to hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, served as Coast Guard Chief of Staff, and led Atlantic Area and Maritime Defense Zone forces following the September 11, 2001 terror attacks.

David Beasley, a former South Carolina Governor, led the UN World Food Programme from 2017-2023, helping 160 million people, raising \$55 billion in charitable donations, and accepting the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize for delivering food in conflict zones.

2021 - Dr. Francis Collins and Dr. Anthony Fauci

Dr. Anthony Fauci served as Director of the National Institute of Health's (NIH's) National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) from 1984-2022, overseeing research on infectious and emerging diseases such as HIV/AIDS, Ebola, and Zika. He advised seven presidents on domestic and global health issues and serves as chief of NIAID's Laboratory of Immunoregulation.

Dr. Francis Collins, a physician-geneticist renowned for discovering disease genes and leading the Human Genome Project, served as NIH Director from 2009-2021, the longest tenure of any presidentially appointed director. He previously led the National Human Genome Research Institute from 1993-2008, overseeing the world's largest biomedical research enterprise.

2017 - Leon Panetta and Sylvia Mathews Burwell

Sylvia Mathews Burwell served as former Secretary of Health and Human Services and Director of the Office of Management and Budget. At the time of the award, she was the President of American University.

Leon E. Panetta served as former Secretary of Defense and Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, among many other roles including White House Chief of Staff.

2013 - Paul A. Volcker

Paul Volcker served as former Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board and later head of various commissions and the Volcker Alliance making major contributions to public-finance policy and governance reform.



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2012 - Robert M. Gates

Robert Gates served as Secretary of Defense under both Republican and Democratic presidents, showing his ability to lead beyond party lines. His career embodied sustained public service, substantial positive impact in government, courageous reform, and integrity in leadership.

2010 - James A. Baker III and George J. Mitchell

James Baker, who served as White House Chief of Staff and as Secretary of State and Treasury, was known as a pragmatic dealmaker and skilled diplomat, instrumental in ending the Cold War, negotiating German reunification, and forging the coalition forces during the First Gulf War.

George Mitchell, U.S. Senator and Senate Majority Leader from Maine, helped pass major legislation on the environment, disabilities, housing, and trade. After the Senate, he led Northern Ireland peace negotiations, contributing to the Good Friday Agreement, and served as a Middle East special envoy.

2004 Sandra Day O'Connor

Sandra Day O'Connor served decades in public office, as a state legislator, judge, and the first woman on the U.S. Supreme Court, while championing civic education, judicial independence, and public understanding of government.

2002 - Colin L. Powell, Alice M. Rivlin and George P. Shultz

Colin Powell rose to four-star general and served as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shaping U.S. military policy and leading in the Gulf War. Later, as U.S. Secretary of State, he became a trailblazing African-American leader in both the military and government.

Alice Rivlin, founding director of the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), also led the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and became the first female vice chair of the Federal Reserve Board, shaping U.S. budget practices, economic policy, and bipartisan problem-solving.

George P. Shultz served as Secretary of Labor, Treasury and State and is remembered as a versatile public servant whose leadership in economic policy and Cold War diplomacy helped shape U.S. domestic and foreign policy, leaving a legacy of principled, pragmatic statesmanship.