

Pamela Kirkland Carlton N. Parker Outstanding Service Award

Yolanda Jones had the honor of presenting the 2008 Carlton N. Parker Award for Outstanding Service (CNP) to Pamela Kirkland, CPPO, CPPB, at the National Purchasing Institute Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV.

The CNP award is the most prestigious award presented by the National Purchasing Institute and has been given to 36 individuals since its inception. The SAFOS (CNP) award was established on July 26, 1974 by the NPI Board of Directors at the annual meeting held at the Antlers Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs, Co. The criteria for receiving the award, as established by the Board of Directors, requires that the nominee must have made outstanding contributions to the development and progress of NPI and the public purchasing profession.

Through her many years in the purchasing profession and by serving in various purchasing organizations, she has and continues to actively promote the purchasing profession by leading. In addition to Pam's involvement in NPI, she has been very active in the Public Purchasing Association of North Central Texas (PPANCT) and the Texas Purchasing Management Association (TPMA). She has served all of these organizations by being the chair person of most, if not all, committees, and as an officer and president of all three organizations. She received the Member of the Year from PPANCT and the Outstanding Service Award by TPMA. Pam was also recognized by NAPM as District XII Membership Activities Person of the Year.

Pamela frequently works with state legislatures for the benefit of public procurement. She is a proponent of legal changes to the Texas State Bidding Laws and she consistently testifies before State Sub-Committees in support of changes to laws which affect purchasing practices in Texas.

Pamela's outstanding dedication and commitment to the purchasing field, her family, friends, and colleagues is truly amazing and she always has a smile on her face regardless of the ups and downs of her profession or life. She is a role model in all her endeavors no matter if it is in the purchasing profession or personal life. Pamela's ethics and morals are unmatched. Pamela is very deserving of NPI's highest honor and Carlton would be proud to have her as a recipient of the award named after him.

The public purchasing profession congratulates Pamela Kirkland on this prestigious award!