

Benjamin E. Mays Medal

This award was established during Mays' lifetime, and he was the inaugural recipient of the award in 1982. This is the highest alumni award of the college to honor the alumna or alumnus who has performed distinguished service to the larger (worldwide) community and been deemed a Bates College graduate of outstanding accomplishment. It is an occasional award that has been made only 18 times.

2022	Dr. Douglas Evans '78
2018	James Owens '87
2017	Edward J. O'Neil Jr. '82
2012	Judith Kent Patkin '57
2009	E. Robert Kinney '39
2006	Constance Berry Newman '56, LL.D.'72
2004	Weston L. Bonney '50, P'80, P'81, GP'09, GP'12, GP'15
2003	Helen A. Papaioanou '49, D.Sc.'97
2002	Rev. Arthur E. Higgins '43
2001	John A. Kenney, Jr., M.D. '42
1998	Peter J. Gomes '65
1994	Vincent L. McKusick '44
1992	Chongwhi Kim '58
1990	Frank M. Coffin '40
1989	A. Helen Martikainen '39
1986	William Stringfellow '49
1984	Edmund S. Muskie '36
1982	Benjamin Elijah Mays '20