

## NIEHS celebrates years of service with 2013 honorees

By Ian Thomas

Staff from across NIEHS gathered Sept. 4 in Rodbell Auditorium for the Institute's annual Years of Service Awards ceremony. Hosted by NIEHS and NTP Director Linda Birnbaum, Ph.D., the event recognized a total of 48 Institute employees, commemorating career milestones of 10, 20, 30, and 40 years, as well as 18 retirees.

"As federal employees, we work directly for the American people," explained Birnbaum. "Here at NIEHS, that means maintaining a strong commitment to funding and supporting powerful research into the causes of disease. This requires a lot of hard work and dedication. But, beyond the hours, it also requires a very unique type of person to choose this as a career."

Aided by NIEHS Deputy Director Richard Woychik, Ph.D., Birnbaum presented each honoree with a framed certificate celebrating their milestone, as well as a congratulatory handshake of appreciation. At the conclusion of the ceremony, awardees were then joined by colleagues, peers, and various members of NIEHS leadership for a reception in the building 101 lobby.

### Employees and their milestones

10 Years	
Joel Abramowitz	Floyd Adsit
Sukhdev Brar	Marcus Bell
Michelle Campbell	Lysandra Castro Marquez
Hye-Youn Cho	Laura DeGraff
Christopher Fisher	Stephanie Holmgren
Katina Johnson	David Kinnamont
Grace Kissling	Huiling Li
David Malarkey	Tiwanda Masinde
Robert Petrovich	Nicole Reeves
Elizabeth Ruben	Barbara Ruffin
Erica Scappini	William Schrader
Beverly Sellers-Robinson	Michael Spencer
Kristine Witt	Vivian Young
20 Years	
Elizabeth Banks	Hamilton Brown
William Jirles	Elizabeth McMillan
Jerrel Yakel	
30 Years	
Charles Adden	Bonnie Allen
Martha Barnes	John Bucher
Dorothy Duke	Edward Eddy
Donald Ellis	Deborah Jones
Frederick Miller	Rickie Moore
Daniel Morgan	Ellen Moul
Kathleen Ochoa	Victor Sutton
Christina Tang	Michael Waalkes



Birnbaum recognized NIEHS staff scientist Cho for her 10 years of service. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)



Birnbaum congratulated NIEHS Management Analyst Bell, who also reached his 10 year milestone. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)



Alden, left, and Kissling celebrated years of service with their colleagues. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)



Woychik, left, congratulated Eddy on 30 years

Clarice Weinberg	
<b>40 Years</b>	
Teretha Lewis	Ronald Mason
Carol Shreffler	
<b>Retirees</b>	
Eddy Ball	Alma Britton
Rajendra Chhabra	James Clark
Harold Davis	John French
Raymond Grissom	James Huff
Robert Langenbach	Lawrence Lazarus
Michael Litton	Dona McNeil
Connie Riley	Walter Rogan
Cynthia Smith	Emily Starnes
Charles Tate	Sally Tinkle

of federal service. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)



Following the ceremony, everyone in attendance enjoyed an opportunity for fellowship over cake and punch. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)

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