

Call for BOC Volunteer Award Nominations

The BOC is requesting nominations for the **Dan Libera Service Award**, **Denise Fandel Award of Excellence** and the **Paul Grace Leadership Award**.

Award recipients will be honored during the 2026 BOC Volunteer Reception at the NATA Convention in Philadelphia.

To nominate a deserving **BOC volunteer**, please review the description, criteria and nomination instructions below for each award.

The **Paul Grace Leadership Award** was established by the BOC Board of Directors to recognize individuals who have excelled in developing, designing and/or implementing programs or practices that contribute to the mission of the BOC to provide exceptional credentials and standards the public can trust. The ultimate visionary and cultivator of leaders, Paul served the BOC as Executive Director for 15 years and during that time was the influential leader for the BOC certification program. He has been recognized nationally as one of the top leaders by the certification community.



Paul Grace

Criteria for the nominee include:

- Past or Present BOC volunteer experience (Please note: The qualifications and achievements considered for this award do not need to have been obtained through the nominee's BOC volunteer experience. However, BOC volunteer experience remains a requirement for award eligibility.)
- Service as an advocate for the benefits of BOC certification to the public and/or the professional occupational communities
- Demonstrate evidence of significant contributions to the BOC mission through:
 - Innovative leadership activities related to BOC programs or aspects of BOC programs
 - Research activities that benefit BOC programs
 - Activities that benefit consumers of BOC services or services of BOC Certified Athletic Trainers

Nominations

Deadline: **April 26, 2026**

Nominating a deserving individual for the Paul Grace Leadership Award is a multi-step process. The nominator should complete the following steps prior to the deadline:

- Notify the nominee of the intent to nominate them for the award.
- Write a letter of nomination, which should include a description of the relationship between the nominator and nominee, as well as specific examples which illustrate why the nominee deserves the award.
- Collaborate with the nominee to complete the nomination form.
- Ask the nominee to select two people familiar with their professional path who can author an advocate letter.
- Contact each author to request a letter.
- Submit the nomination letter, nomination form and advocate letters by the deadline.

All materials are to be submitted to MirandaN@bocatc.org by **April 26, 2026**.

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**Previous Award
Recipients**