

Category	Candidate	Biography	# of Submissions
Male Identifying	Andrew Edmonson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Been an active participate in the Houston LGBTQA+ for many years, from Queer Nation, to journalism contributions, Queer Voices Radio, and in the arts community. * Used his platform to for activism. Organized a press conference introducing several of the victims beat from a march protesting the Republican Party * Worked for Houston ballet for 21 years * Obtained a copy of the film Tongues Untied, that gave a voice to black gay men at the height of the AIDS epidemic, when it was banned by PBS and presented it Museum of Fine Arts * Chaired the Houston Gay & Lesbian Film Festival in 1999 and 2000 * Produced oral histories documenting the AIDS crisis in Houston * Receipt of the Award of Special Merit from the Texas Chapter of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association. 	1
Male Identifying	Christopher Barry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Former bartender at several Montrose bars who saved his money to open up his own bar, Buddy's that has been a monumental service to the community. * Dedicated to diversity and inclusion. Single-handedly reached out to Latino and African-American leaders in the LGBT community to promote cultural inclusion events. * Consistently engages the community's interest * Voting rights advocacy. Buddy's became the first LGBTQ bar in Texas to serve as a polling (voting) station as well as an official Amazon Hub/Locker station * Hosted events such as Chamber of Commerce, Bunnies on the Bayou, LGBT Cycling Club, and countless numbers of fundraisers so much so that Buddy's has been called the "Montrose Multi Purpose Building" * Partnered with Psychologists to conduct a Mental Health Seminars. * Opened Buddy's as an "Emergency Warming Station" during ERCOT statewide blackout/deathly freeze and supplied food and water for local patrons. * Implemented COVID-19 free vaccine and booster drives * Instrumental in bringing Pride events back to Montrose * A positive person, his actions in the community, using his bar to volunteer for noble causes, welcoming and bringing everyone together in such a difficult period of time that we are all living in and always working to better the community. * Been in the community over 20 years. * Thinks outside the box and has done great things for the Montrose Community. He is a leader. 	6

Male Identifying	Jack Berger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Been with OutSmart Magazine for 17 years. He is a sales and marketing manager for Houston’s LGBT voice. He spent the first 25 years of his professional career in sports marketing. * Vice President of Investor Relations for Hawthorne Capital, an LGBT-managed investment fund. In this role, he is responsible for community outreach resulting in contributions to AIDS Foundation Houston, The Montrose Center, Avenue 360, the PRIDE Band and Share Our Blessings. * Chair-Elect for the Houston LGBT Chamber of Commerce and has been re-elected to his fifth term as president of EPAH, the Executive and Professional Association of Houston. * President of Bunnies on the Bayou for four years and has served on the boards of the Bayou City Performing Arts (Gay Men’s Chorus), OutReach United and the Lesbian Health Initiative. He is a member of the LGBTQ Political Caucus. * Served as a co-chair of the Out for Good Gala benefitting The Montrose Center and was able to be the presenter for Dalton DeHart, in-person at the 2021 event. * Syracuse University graduate and is the extremely proud father of two Aggie sons. He and his partner Kevin Gibson, live in Houston. 	1
Ally	Courtney Sellers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Executive Director of Montrose Grace Place * Goes above and beyond for the homeless and housing insecure LGBTQ+ youth of Houston * Expanded youth nights from once a week to twice, grown the clothing closet and ensured it was lovingly dedicated to a member of the MGP community who was murdered in an act of violence against Black transgender women * Increased access to transportation services, and launched a hotel voucher program that provides shelter in emergency situations. * Writes the grants, fundraises, manages volunteers and interns, and keeps operations of MGP moving, with zero expectation of recognition or reward. Her heart is truly dedicated to LGBTQ+ youth. 	1
Ally	Kailey Posterick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Served as an active member of Mayor Turner's LGBTQ Advisory board since 2018. * Conducted and presented research regarding counselor attitudes towards sexual orientation and behavior. * Delivered numerous allyship and advocacy trainings to students, educators, and mental health professionals. * Currently working as a therapist with Harris County Juvenile Probation (HCJPD) where she has also trained staff on supporting LGBTQ youth who are judicially involved. * Currently creating and launching an allyship program for HCJPD in conjunction with the department's Equity team. 	3

Gender Non-Binary / Gender Non-Conforming	Bebe Gonzalez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Parents of two adopted children and one who identifies as Transgender * Passion is helping people with technology and have had the pleasure working for Microsoft for over 12 years. * Selected to sit on the Leadership board for Woman At Microsoft to help the LGBT community. * Houston Lead for GLEAM which is Gay Lesbian Employees At Microsoft. * Implemented a community where staff volunteer to help charitable organizations throughout the community. <p>As a family we are a part of several community groups that support Lgbt families and children such as mine.</p> <p>I have no doubt that this would be a honor to represent our community and future. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at my email address. Thank you for taking your time and consideration.</p>	1
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