

## **WOMEN DIVERS HALL OF FAME REPORT – 2022**

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The Hall is in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year. There are more than 250 members from 30 US states and 22 countries. From its inception, the Hall embraced the idea of support for women in diving specifically by a vast scholarship system. Initially, many of the scholarships were, and some still are, funded by the members.

In recent years, over \$70,000 in scholarships has been awarded yearly. To support this work, several fundraisers are held annually. This year there is a Silent Auction online.

The Hall meets biannually – at *Beneath the Sea Dive Exposition (BTS)* and *DEMA*, and, at *DEMA*, where the Hall hosts an event on the first night of show. BTS is a founder and mentor of the Hall under the auspices of the late Armand (Zig) Zigahn.

Nominations are conducted via the Hall website: [wdhof.org](http://wdhof.org) Basic criteria are two: must be a diver, skin and/or scuba and must have stood out nationally, better yet, internationally. Nominees must be nominated by a member and have letters of recommendation. But, members are always willing to nominate a recommended woman, so do not hesitate to contact me or another member with a candidate.

A maximum of 6 women are inducted each year. Induction of new members has historically been held at *Beneath the Sea* in late March, but with the pandemic, the Show and induction has been in abeyance, but this year, 2022, the last three years honorees will be formally inducted at *DEMA* at the Tuesday night event. Tickets are available – again see the website.

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Inaugural Hall Class 2000