**VSRC**

**The Robert A. Bageant Award**

**Established 1983**

The Robert A. Bageant Award of merit may be presented to someone who has contributed the most to the Society during the year. Initially established to recognize only a physician, in 2008, the standing rules were revised to allow the recipient to be any affiliate contributor. From 1983-2007 the current Society President in conjunction with past presidents, determined who the recipient should be. In 2008, the VSRC standing rules were revised so selection is made by an Executive Board majority vote.

Robert A. “Bob” Bageant, RRT first served as a volunteer in the late 1950s at the old Garfield Hospital in Washington, DC. Three DC hospitals, Garfield being one, closed and opened the Washington Hospital Center in 1958. Bob's father was Chief of Anesthesiology and there being no official Volunteer Program, Dr. Bageant directed some of Bob's volunteer activities. Starting in 1960, for several years Bob served as a hospital employee at Washington Hospital Center, but not in Oxygen Therapy where Easton Smith was department director. During the early 1960s Bob acquired a BS and MS in Biology and after leaving the US Army and Texas in 1970, he attended Inhalation Therapy (IT) School at Washington Hospital. The program there was taught through the Anesthesiology Dept. After IT school, he worked for Pulmonary Medicine and then as Director of Inhalation Therapy. The IT school was transferred from Washington to Piedmont Virginia Community College and Bob served as Program Head and Clinical Coordinator along with University of Virginia hospital responsibilities for several years. He served the Virginia Society for Respiratory Therapy as President and in other positions for more than 25 years. Bob served as Assistant Editor to Phillip Kittredge for RC, as an Oral Examiner and Item Writer for National Board for Respiratory Care.

Recipients:

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| 1983 | Charles Robertson, MD |
| 1984 | Charles Robertson, MD |
| 1985 | Walter J. O’Donohue, Jr. MD |
| 1986 | Terring W. Heironimus, MD |
| 1987 | William B. Hunt, MD |
| 1988 | Charles Durbin, MD |
| 1989 | Phillip Fuller, MD |
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| 1991 | Ignacio Ripoll, MD |
| 1992 | Joseph Smiddy, MD |
| 1993 | Phillip Fuller, MD |
| 1994 | Phillip Fuller, MD |
| 1995 | James Baker, MD |
| 1996 | Frank Fusco, MD |
| 1997 | Paul Suratt, MD |
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| 2008 | Retha Robinette, Pharm D |
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| 2011 | Bruce K. Rubin, MD |
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