

# Edward Dunbar Awardees - 2023

Each year, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), in cooperation with the Michigan Section of the American Water Works Association (M-AWWA), presents the Edward Dunbar Rich Service Award to employees with 25 years of meritorious and faithful service in the waterworks industry in Michigan.

We are very proud of the individuals who are being presented with the service award this year.

- Toni Baldwin – 26 years
- Mohamed Boudali – 25 years
- Rodney D. Burlett – 25 years
- Robert Lee Chandler – 26 years
- Walter Cobbs – 25 years
- Erma D. Gray – 26 years
- Beverly A. James – 26 years
- Thomas B. Johnson II – 25 years
- John Lilly III – 26 years
- Reginald Tate – 25 years
- Wayne Thomas – 25 years



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Edward Dunbar

1868 - 1950

Year Inducted: 2014

Edward Dunbar Rich known to many as the “Colonel” a nick name he was given as a result of receiving a Lt. Colonel’s commission in the Reserve Officer Corps in 1923. Colonel Rich, as he was known to many was quite proud of his service in World War I. Col. Rich was born in Marcellus, New York in 1868. In 1908 he was appointed Assistant Professor of the Civil Engineering Department at the University of Michigan teaching municipal engineering, hydraulics and water supply engineering. He continued teaching until 1913 when he left the University of Michigan to become a Sanitary Engineer for the State of Michigan Board of Health. He is best remembered for his contributions to Public Health through drinking water. An award in his name recognizes individuals for twenty five years of “meritorious and faithful” service to the water profession.

