

Annual Gala

October 2025



**Nothing About Us
Without Us Award**

Autumn Lauener

**Loud Hands Award
for Autistic Storytellers**

Chuck Tingle

**Creating Community
Together Award**

FEDUP Collective
Clean Air Club Chicago

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Imani Barbarin
Day Al-Mohammed

**Ally to the
Autistic Community Award**

Allegra Heath-Stout

Proceeds will support our advocacy work and programs for the coming year, and will allow us to continue working to empower disabled people across the country.



Nothing about us without us!

Our Mission

The Autistic Self Advocacy Network seeks to advance the principles of the disability rights movement with regard to autism. ASAN believes that the goal of autism advocacy should be a world in which autistic people enjoy equal access, rights, and opportunities. We work to empower autistic people across the world to take control of our own lives and the future of our common community, and seek to organize the autistic community to ensure our voices are heard in the national conversation about us. Nothing About Us, Without Us!

Program

Thursday, October 30

3:00 to 4:30 PM ET – Historical Approaches for Self Advocates

Our self advocacy movement does not exist on its own. It is a living creation put together piece by piece through the work of advocates throughout history. This panel will examine our past, how we got here, and how we can continue to build on the movements that got us here. We will discuss hard learned lessons and how we can apply them to avoid future road blocks to build a future that has a place for all of us.

Panelists: [Anita Cameron](#), [Candace McRae](#), [Liz Weintraub](#)

Moderator: [Noor Pervez](#), Community Engagement Manager

5:00 to 6:30 PM ET – Building Community Power

Unprecedented times call for unprecedented solutions! This panel will spend time speaking with grassroots advocates about the power of building community and what needs to be done to build collective power. Approaches include grassroots advocacy, mutual aid, and direct action.

Panelists: [AJ Link](#), [Autumn Lauener](#), [Ren Koloni](#)

Moderator: [Alex Grandstaff](#), Programs Manager

7:00 PM ET – Award Ceremony

At this year's Awards Ceremony, we will be honoring several awardees for their tireless work in advocacy, community building, and so much more. We'll also hear remarks by Colin Killick and ASAN staff members!

Giveaways

We'll be raffling off two year-long ASAN memberships at the Trivia Teammates tier, which includes a membership welcome pack, a member-exclusive newsletter, digital phone and computer wallpapers, an ASAN logo sticker, an ASAN mug, a \$5 gift card to ASAN shop, a physical copy of one of ASAN's books (*Knowing Why*, *Navigating College*, *Empowering Leadership*, *Welcome to the Autistic Community*, or *Loud Hands*), an ASAN pen, an ASAN lapel pin, an ASAN tangle, and a T-shirt!

After the award ceremony, we'll be contacting the winners of our raffle. Make sure you're [registered for the gala](#) in order to be entered into the raffle!

Awardees



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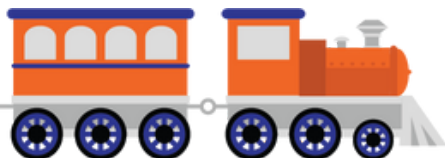
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With tiers inspired by our favorite special interests, there's **something for everyone!** Starting at just \$3 a month, you can get great perks like a digital membership card and digital wallpapers. Higher tiers can get T-shirts, mugs, books, and even an ASAN gift card!

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