

# ARKANSAS OUTDOOR HALL *of* FAME BANQUET

## 2024 HONOREES

SHAWN DANIEL

### **Darby's Warrior Support**

Retired U.S. Army Colonel Shawn Daniel is the executive director of Darby's Warrior Support. Daniel has provided a lifeline for countless post-9/11 Special Operations combat veterans dealing with the physical and emotional aftermath of their service to the nation. DWS provides all-inclusive Arkansas hunting and fishing opportunities in a safe environment fulfilling its mission of giving back to these heroes by providing them a place to heal with camaraderie and understanding.

DR. STEVE LOCHMANN

### **University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff**

As a Professor of Fisheries Management and Ecology at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff for 30 years, Dr. Lochman's teaching and research efforts have produced many Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Fisheries Division biologists as well as AGFC Chief of Staff Chris Racey and Deputy Director Ben Batten. In 2016, Dr. Lochman was recognized by the Arkansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society with the Joe Hogan Award for outstanding leadership and strong commitment to Arkansas' fisheries and aquatic resources.

### *Legacy Award Winner*

ANDY SIMMONS

### **Andy Simmons Outdoor Skills Farm**

Simmons named the Arkansas Game and Fish Foundation in his estate, resulting in one of the largest single gifts ever received by the Foundation. As a lasting tribute, the Foundation turned the gifted property into the Andy Simmons Outdoor Skills Farm, which opened in October 2023, as a way of perpetuating Simmons' legacy of conservation and outdoor recreation to future generations of Arkansans.

### *Steve Smith Spirit of Giving Award*

JESS & LAURA WESTBROOK

### **The Mayfly Project**

The Mayfly Project, founded in Arkansas in 2015 by Jess and Laura Westbrook, supports children in foster care through fly fishing, mentorship, introducing them to their local water ecosystems and developing a rewarding lifelong hobby. The program is now active in multiple states.