



Michael Matthews Leadership Award

Since The Sequoia Project's beginning, our mission, and the very fabric of how we operate, was shaped by incredible and inspiring leadership. This was exemplified by Michael Matthews, our inaugural chair of The Sequoia Project board of directors. Michael served a pivotal role, shepherding The Sequoia Project through our formation, our very humble beginnings, and evolution to where we are today. We have become a thriving organization due to his stewardship and are eternally grateful to have had Michael as our trusted advisor with his steadfast and unbending support.



Michael's leadership – his very way of leading – was unique, which has had an enduring impact on who we are. Michael's leadership was an elegant balance of active listening, thoughtfulness, and openness to the perspectives of others. He also demonstrated an innate ability to translate ideas into innovative, and sometimes courageous, actions for The Sequoia Project to step up and engage in an even more impactful and strategic way.

In honor of Michael's service, The Sequoia Project is establishing a new award in his name to recognize a leader who exemplifies Michael's unique leadership style, as a quiet, strong leader who could lead without leaving others behind. As a tribute to his guiding force and in recognition of others, The Sequoia Project wants to honor others who exemplify Michael's inspiring leadership approach – bold, strategic, respectful, and kind.

Nomination Form

Purpose: To recognize an individual who exemplifies selfless and transformative leadership in enabling nationwide health information sharing, reflecting the values and spirit of Michael Matthews, whose legacy continues to inspire collaboration, innovation, and mentorship in healthcare.

Nominee Information

First Name

Last Name

Title

Organization

Email Address

Phone Number (*optional*)

LinkedIn Profile or Website (if available)

Nominator Information

Your First Name

Your Last Name

Your Title

Your Organization

Email Address

Phone Number (*optional*)

Nomination Questions

1. Describe how the nominee demonstrates selfless leadership and a 'lead from behind' approach. (Include examples of how the nominee empowers others, supports collective success, or avoids personal credit in favor of collaborative recognition.)
2. How does the nominee support collaboration and listen to all points of view? (Describe how they build consensus across diverse stakeholders and elevate unheard voices.)
3. In what ways has the nominee functioned as a mentor or guide for others to promote health information sharing? (Include stories of leadership development or guidance provided to others.)

4. How has the nominee shown courageous innovation by pursuing things that had not been done before? (Highlight breakthrough initiatives or risk-taking in health data sharing or interoperability.)
5. Describe a time the nominee navigated uncertainty with a structured, thoughtful approach. (How do they exemplify the philosophy 'If you don't know what direction to take, have a process for getting there'?)
6. Summarize the nominee's sustained contributions to nationwide health information sharing. (Include any policy, technology, equity, or system-level impacts.)

Supplemental Materials

Please include the following with your submission:

- Two letters of support from colleagues, collaborators, or mentees
- (Optional) Supporting documentation, such as:
 - Project summaries
 - Published articles
 - Mentorship testimonials
 - Press/media coverage
 - Presentations or talks

Consent and Submission

- ☐ I confirm that the nominee is aware of and consents to this nomination.
- ☐ I agree to be contacted for additional information, if needed.

Submit completed form and materials to:

board@sequoiaproject.org