



2019 NAI Professional Awards

Ashley Elizabeth Adams Outstanding New Interpreter

Through its awards program, NAI recognizes outstanding achievements and showcases the successes of NAI members and others working to advance the profession of interpretation. NAI members are exposed to outstanding and inspiring programs and professionals. The individuals below were nominated by their peers. Watch acceptance remarks from recipients [here](#).

Ashley brings energy, dedication, and leadership to her work. These qualities serve to connect young people from all communities to nature, parks, and the cultural history of the regional parks. She is that rare combination of an interpreter who is comfortable with any group or topic. She relates well to visitors by making her programs relevant to their own lives and experiences. Ashley can bring clarity to science and truth to history. After earning a degree in geology and theater/dance at Humboldt State University, Ashley began



her interpretive journey as a naturalist with the city of Berkeley's Shorebird Park Nature Center in 2014. Subsequently, she served as the City of Pleasanton's only naturalist, overseeing interpretive, education, and recreation programs. After two years, she joined East Bay Regional Park District, where she immediately began innovating and building creative interpretive opportunities. Ashley invites students to discover the parks and make connections to their own lives.

