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Jewelers of America Announces 2026 CASE Award Winners

The CASE Awards recognize JA Members who exhibit creativity, artistry, style and excellence in jewelry design

New York, NY – Jewelers of America (JA), the national trade association for businesses serving the fine jewelry marketplace, has announced the winners of its 36th annual CASE Awards jewelry design competition. The CASE Awards, which stands for Creativity, Artistry, Style and Excellence, is JA's national design competition that recognizes JA Members who exemplify exceptional skill and vision in jewelry design.

First place winners were selected from over 120 entries across eight categories. These categories were divided by retail price points and by JA retail and supplier membership: Jewelry up to \$5,000; \$5,001 to \$10,000; \$10,001 to \$20,000; and \$20,001 to \$75,000. Two pieces were named Best in Show – one in the retail category, and one for suppliers.

“The CASE Awards continue to showcase the incredible talent and creativity within the Jewelers of America community,” says Amanda Gizzi, SVP of Corporate Affairs for Jewelers of America. “Each year, our members demonstrate a remarkable balance of craftsmanship, innovation and artistry, reflecting both the enduring traditions and evolving direction of the jewelry industry. We are proud to recognize these designers whose work not only inspires, but helps shape the future of fine jewelry.”

A panel of design experts determined the winners in each category by evaluating the entries on overall design, marketability, originality, and quality of manufacture. This year's judges included Brecken Branstrator of GemGuide; writer Tanya Duker; Deirdre Featherstone of Featherstone Design; Amanda Gizzi of Jewelers of America; Natalie Francisco of National Jeweler; Adrienne Sanogo, GIA Graduate Gemologist; and Amina Sorel of Amina Sorel Fine Jewelry.

All winners will receive a customized CASE Award trophy and benefit from national and local media exposure to showcase their achievements.

The 2026 CASE Awards are sponsored by Synchrony. The competition is open exclusively to employees of Jewelers of America Member companies. For more information and to view the Winner's Photo Gallery, visit <https://www.jewelers.org/news/ja-in-the-news/jewelers-of-america-2026-case-award-winners> or contact Jewelers of America's Member Services at (800) 223-0673.

Hi-res images are available for download here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/fxono8zftfehu66qh89bx/ABHmF7shQP7QLHy4hDUYul8?rlkey=vglw/z1gg0rd7pv73s6ssx9r3f&st=nvuzovpc&dl=0>.

The 2026 CASE Award Winners are:

Retailer: Jewelry up to \$5,000



Atelier Mythique
Designed by Paola Mounla
New York, NY

La Dragonne long 3-finger ring and sculpture in sterling silver with 18K yellow gold plating featuring blue sapphire eyes
\$780

Retailer: Jewelry \$5,001 to \$10,000



Susan Eisen Fine Jewelry and Watches
Designed by Susan Eisen, G.G.
El Paso, TX

Watermelon Tourmaline crystal brooch (11.50 ctw) with natural diamonds and pink and green round natural tourmalines set in 18K yellow gold
\$9,500

Retailer: Jewelry \$10,001 to \$20,000

Nicole Mera
Designed by Nikki Swift
San Antonio, TX

14K yellow gold skull brooch with red beryl cabochon (7.14 ctw), heart-shaped ruby (0.21 ctw) and baguette and round brilliant natural diamonds (0.07 ctw)
\$11,995

Retailer: Jewelry \$20,001 to \$75,000

Michael Ryan Personal Jeweler
Designed by Michael Ryan Snuggs, Patrick Conway and Mark Gronlund
Birmingham, AL

12.63ct pink tourmaline set in 14K rose gold with 2.70 carats of diamond rondels and Akoya Pearls set on a pearl strand
\$42,500

Retailer Best in Show

Kennedy's Jewelers
Designed by Trisha Kennedy-Thompson
Blue Springs, MO

14K yellow gold custom made necklace set with 201.64 carats of cabochon tourmalines with a variety of pink, green, and bi-color stones, with 6.63 carats of accent diamonds
\$56,150

Supplier: Jewelry up to \$5,000

Loriann Jewelry
Designed by Lori Friedman
Westport, CT

"Etheria" cluster earrings from the Fantasia collection with diamond slices, Ethiopian opals and red/orange sapphires set in 14K yellow gold
\$4,995

Supplier: Jewelry \$5,001 to \$10,000

Olga Shatrova
Designed by Olga Shatrova
Irvine, CA

"The Universe Lives Quietly Within You" ring in 18K white gold featuring natural baguette cut sapphires (2.58 ctw), natural round sapphires (0.74 ctw), natural round tsavorites (0.28 ctw), and natural diamonds (0.97 ctw)
\$9,500

Supplier: Jewelry \$10,001 to \$20,000

Jack Ferrero Inc.
Designed by Jack Ferrero and Hrachya Harutyunyan
Los Angeles, CA

18K yellow gold Pomegranate ring with enamel art work and brilliant cut red rubies
\$20,000

Supplier: Jewelry \$20,001 to \$75,000

Hearts On Fire
Designed by Yunjo Lee
Boston, MA

DREAM Floating Necklace in 18K yellow gold with diamonds (4.1 ctw)
\$35,500

Supplier Best in Show

Renisis
Designed by Sardwell
New York, NY

Double Bullet Diamond Ring with two rose cut bullet diamonds (4.09 ctw), pavé diamonds and navy blue vitreous enamel set in 18K yellow gold
\$68,000

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About Jewelers of America:

Jewelers of America is the most trusted and influential voice of the jewelry industry. With a mission to empower and unite its members, Jewelers of America provides expert guidance, education and advocacy to promote excellence, integrity, and success in an evolving marketplace. Since 1906, Jewelers of America has been advancing the fine jewelry industry, setting high ethical standards and fostering professional growth for their members. Jewelers of America represents a large, diverse membership of retailers and suppliers in the United States, who commit annually to the organization's Code of Professional Practices.

