

Distinguished Alumni Awards

The Olivet College Alumni Association annually seeks nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Award. Recipients are chosen from a list of candidates who have distinguished themselves through high levels of professional accomplishments and voluntary service. Honorees also possess high standards of integrity and character, and exemplify the college's vision of *Education for Individual and Social Responsibility*.

Past Distinguished Alumni Award recipients include:

2011

Larry '64 and Mary Martha (Potts) '65 Melendy
Irv Sigler '65
Scott Sigler '91

2010

Gayla (Madsen) Fox '90
Dominic Livedoti '65
David Sly '70

2009

Brian Benner '69
Kelly (Peters) Pringle '91

2008

David N. Cutler '65
Thomas E. Kolassa '69
Thomas M. Nesbitt '63
Marilis Soitu '97 (Young Alumni Award)

2007

Ruth (Yotter) Thomas '38
Al Swain '78
Shawn Dowling '00 (Young Alumni Award)

2006

William Feddeler '62, Ph.D.
Tala Plummer Welch '77
Jason Conkin '97 (Young Alumni Award)

2005

Ivan Sheets '69

2004

Frank Corl '94 (Young Alumni Award)
Richard Brennan '65

Dean Lewis '65, J.D.
John Nametz '74, O.D.

2003

J. Robert Gillette '63
Paul Hahn '65, Ph.D.
Douglas Semivan '71
Noel Dean '91

2001

Charles A. Blackman '46, Ph.D.
Lewis Jeffries '50, H.D.H.L. '86

2000

Robert Lawrence '57
Sarah (Engle) Lawrence '56
Candice (Carpenter) Putnam '68
Jack A. Rall '66, Ph.D.

1999

H. David Masters '62
David J. Prior '65, Ph.D.

1998

William P. Blair '75, Ph.D.

1997

David A. Spencer '72, Ed.D.

1993

The Rev. Grafton Thomas '37
Phelps Trix '43, Ph.D.

1992

Marion (Larson) McGuire-Caugherty '42
Rowland H. Caugherty '42
Harvey L. Moss '36
Richard A. Parrella '68
Robert J. Parrella '68
Wiley Sanderson '42, Ph.D.

1991

Florence Hess Beckwith '31
Frank W. Blanning '41
Marion (Blakeslee) Forslund '25

Peter M. Fuller '66, Ph.D.
Anthony M. Grimaldi '66, M.D.

1990

Albert Frederick Dexel '30
Frederic N. Firestone '48, Ph.D.
Doris (Bryan) Laimbeer '27
Wolfgang "Pete" Mieder '66, Ph.D.

1989

The Hon. Judge William Bledsoe '52
LaVerne (Towner) Butcher '25
Patricia (Wilson) O'Leary '69
George G. Wright '36, Ph.D.

1988

Arthur Bernhart '30
Mildred Calkins-Smith '28
Margaret (Peg) Hooker Eaton '48
E. Newman Pettitt '37
Florence (Efty) Richardson '38
Gretchen (Arndts) Votruba '38

1987

Francis Gazlay '42
Paul Hockstad '40
Herbert J. Phillips '37
John Bordner Warren '52

1986

C. Lane Breidenstein '40
John Madole '41
Owen Whitkopf '60
Fred R. Witkop '36

1985

Grace (Hancock) Bomers '35
Walter G. "Buzz" Luttrell '67
Esther (Schweikert) Masters '34

1984

Robert Harvey '34
Jay Sterling Kemp '34
Walter Parker '58
Dwight Ross Smith '49

1983

Norman Heydenburg '30, Ph.D.
Matthew A. Houghton Jr. '65, M.D.
Helmer Petersen '34
Larida (Scott) Petersen '31
Milford Reeder '41
Virginia (Jones) Reeder '49
Willis Selden '41
Elisabeth (Storm) Selden '41
William Thomson '42, Ph.D.
Barbara (Earl) Thomson '43
Leo Tyson '37
Evelyn (Sprague) Tyson '38

(Community, church and college citation)

Raymond Wilks
Esther (Andre) Wilks '35

1982

Emerson Brown '41
Elizabeth Hance '28
Carl Nelson '27

1981

David Thompson '56

1980

Mary E. McCarthy '32
Philip E. Rowston '42

1979

John S. Fowler '44
Yong Jai Kim '58
Byron J. Koekkoek '49, Ph.D.

1978

Lora Austin '48
Elvesta (Thomas) Leslie '08
Philip M. Park '32

1977

Victor J. Nyboer '57, M.D.
Charles J. Snell '42
John W. Tenny '26

1976

David K. Barnes '43, Ph.D.
William Dole '38
Ralph J. Ladd '35
Lawrence Lewis '53
Gregory A. Miller '41, Ph.D.
John H. Milor '24

1975

Mary (VanAllsburg) Ambrose '35
Richard Ambrose '33
Kiyoko (Takeda) Cho '41, Ph.D.
John Wendell Everett '28, Ph.D.
Kenneth G. Hance '24, Ph.D.
Margaret Rose '35, Ph.D.

1970

Stuart Doty '30
James Fyvie '31
Isabel Snelgrove '15

1969

Stan Collin '27
Helen (Noble) Jillson '10
Scott E. Lamb '17
Alice (Heydenburk) Keathors '11
Gorton Riethmiller '28
Vera (Spiroff) Riethmiller '26

1968

Phoebe (Wenberg) Hennigar '06
Elizabeth (Brownson) Jackson '05
Betty (Ely) Longman '06
Ella (King) Selden '05
Agnes (Thompson) Storr '03

1967

Walter Horst '16
Lyndle Martin '25
Edith Potter '10

1966

Frank G. Ham '40, H.D.L. '99
Clarence R. Weed '08

Winifred E. Wells '14
Paul Willson '31

1965

Virginia (Haight) Dolliver '32
Alice (Weed) Hillier '11
R. Kendell Jones '28
Gerald R. Poor '29

1964

Donald H. Bacon '19
Theral T. Herrick '32
Gula Quick Powers '13

1963

Douglas Gallery '28
Herbert Hunter '28
Robert Sailors '36

1962

Willis Osborn '12
Warren Powers '12
Stuart Wall '12

1961

The Rev. Charles Hastie '33
Lars Hockstad '12
Nellie MacLennan '12
Earl P. Marshall '11
Norma (Wright) Marshall '10
Pauline Sperry '06
Lela Troutner '11

1960

George Bacon '09
Leona (Moxley) Evans '10
George Rider '14
Veldean Roth '23

1959

John Martin '13
Fern Persons '28
Ethelyn Sexton '08
C. M. Traver '13

1958

Martin Palmer '27

Richard Rasmussen '35, M.D., Sc.D. '89

Harold Reames '35

1844 Award

The Olivet College 1844 Award is named for the year of the college's founding. It is given to those who demonstrate commitment and dedication to the advancement of Olivet.

Past 1844 Award recipients include:

2008

Rev. Daniel W. Boxwell

Grand Marshal

1844 Award

Homecoming 2008

2007

James Coleman

2005

Elizabeth Fleming

Richard Fleming, Ph.D., H.D.L. '99

Karla Kunkle

2004

Art Stevens, Ph.D., H.D.L. '94

Charlotte Whitney Stevens

2001

Danford Byrens

Emily Byrens

2000

Joel J. Epstein, Ph.D.

Joan Johnson Wagner

1999

Norma Curtis

John Homer, Ph.D.
Donald Rowe

1997

Laura (Berghorst) Verplank '38, H.D.L. '86

1995

Charles Blackman '46, Ph.D.

1994

Al Gilmour
Esther Masters '34
Patricia Speare
Raymond Wilks

1993

Gretchen Kreuter

1987

Zella Mae Stormer Morris

1979

Edward P. Speare

1978

Henry B. Davis

1977

Ray B. Loeschner