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Alumni Association Award Recipients
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ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD

The recipient must have held a baccalaureate degree from Cedarville University for at least 10 years, demonstrated significant outstanding contribution to his/her profession or avocation, exhibited significant financial and/or other concern for the development of Cedarville University, cultivated an evident pursuit of Christ-centered thinking and daily lifestyle, and evidenced a dedication to developing the mind of Christ in others.

1968 Lynn Rogers '54
1969 Bernice Mick '55
1970 Jack Willetts '58
1971 Robert Rogers '55
1972 Harper Bickett '24
1973 Ernajeane Lockerbie '61
1974 James Entner '61
1975 William Pierson '65
1976 *No award given*
1977 M. Earle Collins '23
1978 *No award given*
1979 Arnold Fruchtenbaum '66
1980 Maryalyce Jeremiah '66
1981 Walter Banks '60
1982 Roy Linton '38
1983 Joseph Stowell III '66
1984 David Jeremiah '63
1985 G. Allen Fisher '66
1986 Eleanor Cooley Finney '37
1987 James Engelmann '66
1988 Robert Domokos '62
1989 Norman Nicklas '64
1990 Frank Jenista '68
1991 Rex Rogers '74
1992 Harry Sinks '38
1993 Michael Stephens '80
1994 Maxine Augsburg Hauge '69
1995 Jayne Eberling Schooler '74
1996 Ken Nichols '68
1997 Craig Miller '79
1998 Loren Reno '70

1999 James Rickard, '71
2000 Ruth Yost, '59
2001 Keith Wilhite, '80
2002 Daniel Estes, '74
2003 Randy Marriott, '85
2004 Jeffrey W. Montie, '83
2005 Curtis Hoke ('82) and Carol Stoltzfus Hoke ('83)
2006 Myron Youngman, '76
2007 Randy Wilcox, '81
2008 Shawn Taylor, '80
2009 Nadine [Terrill] Hennesy, '87
2010 DeMaurice Smith, '85
2011 Harry and Echo [Tuinstra] Vander Wal, '96
2012 Jennifer [Matthews] Anderson, '86 [posthumously]
2013 Valerie [Dell] Huber, '80
2014 Daniel Petek, '87
2015 Georgia Purdom, '94
2016 Paula Faris-Krueger, '97
2017 Peter Lillback, '74
2018 Welsey and Dawn Polsdorfer, '84
2019 Don Lough '87

HONORARY ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD

The recipient must have maintained a quality association with Cedarville University for at least 10 years, evidenced a personal commitment to excellence in specific areas of life and service, rendered distinguished service to the University, its programs, and/or its students or graduates, and cultivated an evident pursuit of Christ-centered thinking and daily lifestyle.

- 1968 Arthur Williams (Bible department faculty member)
- 1969 Ruth Underwood (secretary)
- 1970 James T. Jeremiah (President)
- 1971 Inez Milner (wife of Trustee)
- 1972 Donald Kyle (local doctor)
Gerald "Pop" Marshall (maintenance staff member)
- 1973 Miriam Maddox (Communication Arts department faculty member)
- 1974 Earl Willetts (trustee)
- 1975 George Lawlor (Bible department faculty member)
- 1976 George Engelmann (trustee)
- 1977 Jean Fisher (Bible department faculty member)
- 1978 *No award given*
- 1979 Myron Amstutz
- 1980 J. Dale Murphy (trustee)
- 1981 Richard McIntosh (Dean of Students)
- 1982 Charles & Betty Tartar (maintenance staff members)
- 1983 Gary Kuhn (alumni director)
- 1984 Donald & Nedra Callan (basketball coach and wife)
- 1985 Beatrice Printy (dormitory resident director)
- 1986 Shirley Schneider (local dentist and athletics supporter)
- 1987 Fran Bresson (trustee)
- 1988 J. Murray Murdoch (Social Sciences and History department faculty member)
- 1989 Floyd & Anne Rietveld (institutional benefactors)
- 1990 Pamela S. Diehl (Health and Physical Education department faculty member)
- 1991 Gerald V. Smelser (trustee)
- 1992 Jack Cline (trustee)
- 1993 Ruby Lathrop Jeremiah (Wife of former President)
- 1994 Paul & Pat Dixon (President and wife)
- 1995 Albert & Joanna Stevens (trustee and wife)
- 1996 Robert Gromacki (Bible department faculty member)
- 1997 Eugene Apple (trustee)
- 1998 Clifford Johnson (former academic vice president)
- 1999 Richard and Carole Holmes (friends and supporters of the institution)

- 2000 Martin Clark (Vice President for Development)
- 2001 Dave Lesko (High school guidance counselor)
- 2002 Harold Green (former Vice President for Christian Ministries)
- 2003 Clyde and Jean Autio (friends and supporters of the University)
- 2004 Ed Greenwood (former Language and Literature Department faculty member)
- 2005 J. Wesley Baker (Distinguished Professor of Communication Arts)
- 2006 *No award given*
- 2007 Lorne Scharnberg (President, Katecko; University trustee)
- 2008 Richard Walker (Dean of Community and Family Programs)
- 2009 Kim Ahlgrim (Director of the Academic Enrichment Center)
- 2010 Duane Wood (CU Executive Director of Program Development; former AVP)
- 2011 Travis (Lew) Gibbs (former Director of Career Services)
- 2012 Chuck McKinney (Director of Food Service)
- 2013 Charles and Carolyn Barth (Farmer)
- 2014 June Perry (Teacher)
- 2015 Wayne Dickason (Medical doctor)
- 2016 Phil and Pam Black (Pharmacist, CU Pharmacy Advisory Council)
- 2017 Bill and Nora Bolthouse (Businessman and CU Trustee)
- 2018 Roger and Charlotte Kuriger [posthumously]
- 2019 Warren and Betty Wiersbe (writer, educator, pastor) [posthumously]

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The recipients need not be an alumnus of Cedarville University, but must have maintained a quality association with the University for approximately 10 years, rendered distinguished service to the University, its programs, and /or its students in the form of significant financial aid, time, and /or talent, evidenced a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and a servant's spirit.

- 1984 Rodney C. Wyse '84H
- 1985 Sandra Millikin Entner '59
- 1986 Elvin King '64N
Joyce Walker King '64
- 1987 Michael DiCuirci (Assistant Professor of Music)
- 1988 William Brock (trustee)
- 1989 Paul Gathany '63
- 1990 James T. Jeremiah '73H
- 1991 Dwayne I. Frank '60
- 1992 Daniel Wetzel (Professor of Physics)
- 1993 Mark Womack '83
- 1994 Harold & Margaret Green (Vice President for Christian Ministries)
- 1995 *No award given*
- 1996 Ernie & Martha White (Residents of Cedarville and friends of the College)
- 1997 Edward Spencer (Professor of English)
- 1998 Richard G. Walker '74N
- 1999 David Ormsbee, '78
- 2000 Chuck McKinney (Pioneer Food Service)
- 2001 Murtha Kaercher (Student health insurance coordinator)
- 2002 Pete Reese (CU Athletic Director)
- 2003 Sherri Watson Smith, '86
- 2004 Dan Poole, '80
- 2005 Clarence Gray, '37
- 2006 David K. "Kelly" Fath, '91
- 2007 *No award given*
- 2008 Bob, '88 & Dannah Gresh, '89
- 2009 Marvin Troyer, '61
- 2010 Joanna Stephens [Trustee wife], (awarded posthumously)
- 2011 Bryan Waggoner, '77
- 2012 Stephen Brown, '67
- 2013 Christopher Byus, 2008
- 2014 Robert Rohm, '68
- 2015 David Warren, '64
- 2016 *No award given*
- 2017 John McGillivray, '70
- 2018 *No award given*
- 2019 *No award given*

DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AWARD

This award, established in 1972 and presented periodically, honors Cedarville University educators who have exhibited truly exceptional performance in the areas of teaching, research, student development, leadership, and service. The award is given to professors who have consistently integrated their discipline with a Christian world-view, and have contributed both to the intellectual and spiritual development of students.

- 1975 Robert Gromacki (Bible)
- 1981 James Grier (Philosophy)
- 1989 Larry Helmick (Chemistry)
- 1995 J. Murray Murdoch (History)
- 1998 Irene B. Alyn (Nursing)
- 2003 Merlin Ager , '60 (Education)
- 2006 Deborah Bush Haffey, '68 (Communication Arts)
- 2007 *No award given*
- 2008 *No award given*
- 2009 Frank Jenista, '68 (International Studies)
- 2010 *No award given*
- 2011 *No award given*
- 2012 Elizabeth (Ross) Shearer, '70 (Exercise and Sport Science)
- 2013 *No award given*
- 2014 *No award given*
- 2015 James Phipps, '68 (Communication)
- 2016 Steve Gollmer, (Science and Mathematics)
- 2016 John Whitmore, (Science and Mathematics)
- 2017 *No award given*
- 2018 Lynn Brock, '68 (Library and University Archives)
- 2019 *No award given*

YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR AWARD

The candidate must.

- have graduated from the University within the ten years from the date the Award is scheduled to be presented.
- have made an outstanding contribution to his/her avocation or occupation.
- have made such an accomplishment which demonstrates an enthusiasm or vigor which typifies and represents the spirit of both students and recent graduates.
- have exhibited a significant concern for and contribution to the development and success of Cedarville University following their graduation.
- have made such accomplishments while maintaining a Christ-honoring perspective in every aspect of their lives.

1995 Duane B. Priddy '90
1996 Diane Lichtensteiger '86
1997 Troy Hamilton '95
1998 Kendra King Tsibouris '88
1999 James Houser, '91
2000 Bobby Hile, '90
Sarah Sweetland Hile, '92
2001 Gerson Moreno-Riano, '94
2002 Kezia McNeal, '92
2003 Matthew Martens, '93
2004 Laura Whaley, '97
2005 Shari Kregel Gray, '99
2006 Rob Moll, '01
2007 Sharla Megilligan, '97
2008 Jason Malone, '98
2009 Stephanie Carlton, 2002
2010 Brandon Colas, 2006
2011 Cody Fisher, 2009
2012 Erin (Knowles) Wirsing, 2002
2013 Joshua Bailey, 2004
2014 Abbie Cobb, 2006
2015 Jesse Lear, 2000
2015 Travis Ramone Smith, 2000
2016 AJ and Alison (Kearney) Clemons, 2010
2017 Joy Summers, 2010
2018 Kristen Zeigler, 2014
2019 Jerica (Ward) Lamar, 2009

ALUMNI IMPACT AWARD

The candidate must:

- have graduated from the University.
- be nominated by a Cedarville University student.
- have had significant impact on current Cedarville University student(s).
- have an ongoing relationship with Cedarville University.

2006 Tom Fite, '86
2007 Paul Mc Grady, '93
2008 Mark Irving, '94
2009 Justin Spann, 2006
2010 Mark Fisher, 1984 (President, Sandy Cove Ministries)
2010 Karla Herdzile, 2005 (Intelligence Analyst, U. S. Army Intelligence and Security Command)
2011 Rachel Reno, 2000
2012 Thomas Reed Bockman, '94 (Captsons Property Services)
2013 Aaron Cook, '99 (Scioto Hills Christian Camp)
2014 Naomi Washatka, 2010 (Human Resources, International Justice Mission)
2015 *No award given*
2016 *No award given*
2017 *No award given*
2018 *No award given*
2019 *No award given*

ONE ANOTHER MINDSET AWARD

The candidate must

- have made efforts significant to helping CU generate forward movement on engaging culture through a biblical one another mindset.
- have personal character and a public testimony that exemplifies a biblical worldview.
- have maintained positive involvement with Cedarville for at least three years before his or her nomination. *
- have at least two years of positive involvement with specific cultural engagement activities.
- have a Cedarville University degree/certificate. *

**Unless the candidate's one another mindset efforts are significant enough that the council considers the candidate deserving of the award.*

2011 Jearl Ward, '81
2012 Jeff Cook, '81 (Associate Professor of Urban Ministry)
2013 Gregory Dyson, '98 (Word of Life Bible Institute)
2014 Brian Dye, '99 (Urban ministry leader, Legacy Institute)
2015 *No award given*
2016 *No award given*
2017 Walter Strickland, 2006
2018 Tim Ware, '88 (Educator)
2019 *No award given*