

McCormick Theological Seminary Distinguished Alumnus/a Award

History

In 1976, the Board of Trustees established the Distinguished Alumnus/a Award:

This award is recognition of distinguished contribution to the ministry of the church by an alumnus/a of McCormick Seminary. The award is open to all, without reference to age, sex, ethnic background, denomination, form of ministry, length of service or public fame. Rather, the emphasis will be on quality and significance of exceptional contribution to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

The award is for living graduates and cannot be a posthumous award. Further, retired presidents and professors are not eligible for five years after leaving the Seminary. Only alums can nominate, though anyone can be asked to submit a letter of recommendation. The committee emphasizes the importance of a complete nomination, which must include adequate information describing the person's history and work, as well as at least three letters of recommendation. All information must be submitted to the Alumni/ae Office.

Criteria

The Candidate for Distinguished Alumnus or Alumna:

- **has made an exceptional contribution to the church**, making and strengthening the connection between the local congregation and the world;
- **demonstrates distinct leadership abilities and discernment.** The candidate has concern not only for self but is a witness for others with a true sense of call in a specific time and place;
- **leaves a lasting legacy in his or her work** that has an impact on those near as well as upon the larger church;
- **represents McCormick's commitment to preparation for ministry**, including ministry in a diverse and global context;
- **has been effectively and thoroughly represented by the person(s) who is making the nomination** such that the selection committee has in hand: a clear biography of the nominee, a definitive letter of advocacy, letters of recommendation and accurate contact information.

The deadline for receiving all nominations and complete related materials is Friday, April 1, 2011. We will notify you as to whether your candidate is being placed in nomination.

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Recipients

The following persons have been honored:

1977 Paul Calvin Payne	1994 Thomas Dietrich, Mary Duckert
1978 Kenneth G. Neigh, William Keesecker	1995 Jon L. Regier, Rafael Sanchez, Jr.
1979 Marshall Scott, Harold Blake Walker	1996 Raymond H. Swartzback
1980 Simon Scott, Frank Cross	1997 Robert & Edith Rasmussen
1981 Paul Wright, Robert Swanson	1998 Eugene C. Bay
1982 George Hughes, Arthur Miller	1999 Phil Tom
1983 Lois Armentrout	2000 Diana C. Carson, Charles W. Doak
1984 Alexander Sharp	2001 Henry W. Andersen, Thomas J. Behrens
1985 Henry Jones	2002 Clifton Kirkpatrick
1986 Howard Rice, Ralph Waldo Lloyd	2003 William W. Rogers & June Rogers
1987 Maurice McCrackin	2004 Alden R. Hickman
1988 Raymond Bowden	2005 Tim and Beth Hart-Andersen
1989 Lucetta Mowry	2006 Edward F. Campbell
1990 Dennis Benson, John Corbitt	2007 W. James Gerling
1991 Dale Robb, Jack Stotts	2008 Judy Lee Hay
1992 Joreen Jarrell, Dirk Ficca	2009 G. Daniel Little
1993 James Hine, Hedwig & Robert Lodwick	2010 Michael McConnell

Process

The Alumni/ae Council, on behalf of the Alumni/ae Association, carefully studies all the information received. Its selection is recommended to the Board of Trustees, which has the final approval of the candidate. In May of 2002, the Council voted that one alumnus/a be honored annually.

Please be advised that the Council can only review the materials sent to them. They will make a decision **based on those materials alone**. Therefore, a careful, thoughtful and complete nomination is most helpful in the selection process. There is nothing more frustrating for the Council than being forced to reject the nomination of an excellent candidate because of an incomplete nomination.

Presentation of the Award: McCormick Days, October 24-25, 2011

The 2011 Distinguished Alumnus/a Award will be presented at the Recognition Luncheon **during McCormick Days in October, 2011. The candidate (and his/her guest) will be our guests for McCormick Days 2011.**

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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS/A NOMINATION
DEADLINE: Friday, April 1, 2011

Name of Nominee _____ Class/Degree _____

Address of Nominee _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (____) _____

Present Position of Nominee _____

Submitted by: _____ Class/Degree _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (day) (____) _____ E-mail address: _____

Signature

1. What has the nominee done to distinguish himself/herself since graduating from McCormick? Please attach an in-depth description of the history and work of your nominee. In addition, you may include curriculum vitae, a resume, or other descriptive materials.

2. List the positions the person has held or where he/she has served:

NOTE: It is important to submit a properly prepared nomination. You hold your nominee in high regard – please let us know all he or she has done to deserve this award! A perfunctory or incomplete nomination will not be considered.

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3. Please invite at least three other persons to submit personal letters of endorsement. They must be received by Friday, April 1, 2011.

You may expect letters of endorsement from the following persons. (I understand it is not the responsibility of the alumni/ae office to contact these persons if their endorsements are not forthcoming.):

1.	_____	(____)_____
	Name	Phone

	Address	
2.	_____	(____)_____
	Name	Phone

	Address	
3.	_____	(____)_____
	Name	Phone

	Address	

THIS FORM MAY BE MAILED, EMAILED OR FAXED. BUT IT MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN April 1, 2011.

PLEASE RETURN TO: Grayson Van Camp, Alumni/ae Relations Office
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