Founders' Weekend 1996
Friday, April 19
6:30 p.m.
Welles Hall, Hicks Center
Invocation

Dinner

Welcoming Remarks
Robert F. Van Patten, Jr. ’76
President, Kalamazoo College Alumni Association

Presentation of Awards
Receiving the Weimer K. Hicks Award
Ruth L. Collins

Receiving the Distinguished Service Award
Joyce Kirk Coleman ’66

Receiving the Distinguished Achievement Award
G. Mark McDonald ’73

Closing Remarks
Lawrence D. Bryan
President, Kalamazoo College

Kalamazoo College and the Alumni Association are pleased to recognize those whose acts and deeds, both personal and professional, have brought honor to the College, and those whose unselfish personal service to the College has contributed to excellence at Kalamazoo.
About the Awards

The Weimer K. Hicks Award was established in 1993. The recipient of this award must be a current or retired employee of the College or a program/organization directly sponsored by and housed at the College. At the time of the nomination, the nominee must have completed at least five years of accumulated service. Recipients of this award will have provided significant long-term support to College programs or activities in areas or ways not required by their jobs, or will have provided excellent service in the performance of their jobs, making a significant contribution to the College in ways that have advanced the interests and goals of the Alumni Association.

The Distinguished Service Award was established in 1975 and is presented to individuals who have made exceptional personal contributions to the College. Alumni and friends of the College are eligible to receive this award, with the exception of current members of the Alumni Association Executive Board. These persons should have performed effectively in voluntary or elected leadership positions for the Alumni Association and/or the College for at least five years of accumulated service.

The Distinguished Achievement Award was established in 1975 and is presented to alumni who graduated from Kalamazoo College at least ten years ago. Recipients will have received awards or other national or international recognition from their peers as evidence of their being distinguished in their professional fields. This recognition should suggest a continuing or enduring level of achievement.

Nominations for Alumni Association awards are judged on the basis of the information provided in the nominating statements, which should present a concise justification of the nomination and as much supporting information as possible. All nominations are judged without regard to the nominee’s age, race, sex, religion, or national origin. Nominations may be made at any time and should be sent to the Office of Alumni Relations, Kalamazoo College, 1200 Academy Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49006-3295.
Ruth L. Collins
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Ruth Collins attended Coe College for two years. She received a bachelor’s degree with honors in English in 1947 and a master’s degree in education in 1951, both from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

A former high school teacher in Wisconsin, Iowa, and Seattle, Washington, Ruth served as assistant professor of education at Ball State University from 1953 to 1957. From 1966 to 1973, she was a part-time instructor in the departments of general studies and education at Western Michigan University.

Ruth began her career at Kalamazoo College as a member of the public relations staff and adjunct lecturer in the department of education. She assumed the full administrative duties formerly held by her late husband, Paul E. Collins, when appointed registrar at the College in October of 1974. She held the position of College registrar for 15 years.

Following Paul’s death, Ruth established the Paul Collins Memorial Fund for Student Emergencies. In 1986, the Paul Collins Endowment Fund was established by an anonymous donor. Income from this endowment is used to support students concerned with the problems of world hunger and other resource needs in the world.

Deeply committed to the College, Ruth is renowned for her support at athletic events and other activities involving students. She has acted as official scorer for the "K" men’s junior varsity basketball team. Ruth has also served as president of the Kalamazoo College Women’s Club. In a talk given on professionalism for women, Ruth described inheriting the registrar’s position from her husband when he died so suddenly in 1974. Professionalism, she said, is the process of taking someone else’s job and making it your own.

Equally involved in the Kalamazoo community, Ruth was president of the Kalamazoo Branch of the American Association of University Women. After joining the Downtown Lion’s Club, Ruth was elected the Club’s first female president, serving during 1995.

Ruth and Paul are the parents of two children, Kathryn and David.
Past Recipients of the Weimer K. Hicks Award

Wen Chao Chen (1994)
Marilyn Hinkle '44 (1995)
John R. McFarland (1994)
George M. Nielsen (1995)
Eleanor Humphrey Pinkham '48 (1993)
Kathryn N. Stratton (1993)
Ruth Ziegelmaier (1994)

1996 Recipient of the Distinguished Service Award

Joyce Kirk Coleman '66
Dallas, Texas

Joyce Kirk Coleman received her bachelor's degree, with a major in biology, from Kalamazoo College in 1966. Following graduation, she earned her teaching certificate at The University of Michigan. Joyce received a master's degree in business administration from the University of Texas at Dallas in 1989, the same month her son Kirk graduated from high school.

Joyce and Les Coleman '65 married in 1967, while he was at The University of Michigan School of Law. Joyce taught biology and life sciences in high school and junior high school in Livonia, Michigan, and Fairview Park, a suburb of Cleveland, where they lived until moving to Dallas in 1983. Joyce and Les are the parents of three sons, Kirk, Brett, and Clinton.

Joyce is a committed alumni volunteer. She and Les served as cochairs of the Annual Fund from 1988 to 1990 and copresidents of The 1833 Society from 1991 to 1994. Elected as a College trustee in 1990, Joyce served as chair of the admissions committee from 1991 to 1994 and as chair of the development committee from 1994 to the present. She is a current member of the committee on trustees, the admissions committee, and is a past member of the student life committee. Joyce has been a member of the Board of Trustees Executive Committee since 1991.

Joyce's dedication to the College is legendary among the advancement staff. She spends hundreds of hours communicating with alumni by phone and letter to encourage their support of the College. She undertakes College business within her personal travel schedule, making philanthropic appeals on behalf of the development staff. She has also assisted the development staff by creating diagnostic tools to evaluate alumni giving patterns. As a leadership volunteer, Joyce assumes an active role in supporting her fellow alumni volunteers. When returning to the College for Board of Trustee meetings, Joyce often arrives early to meet with students and staff as well as area alumni and friends of the College. Her dedication and leadership are an inspiration to the entire College community.
Past Recipients of the Distinguished Service Award

Harold B. Allen '21 (1983)
Hugh V. Anderson '43 (1976)
Larry B. Barrett '64 (1988)
Elinore Hoven Basnett '43 (1982)
Marie S. Burbidge (1989)
Stanley J. Chalmers '51 (1984)
Wen Chao Chen (1990)
Ruth Scott Chenery '24 (1978)
Gene R. Conrad (1987)
Maynard M. Conrad '36 (1979)
Helen I. Coover '33 (1985)
Joan Story Copeland '56 (1995)
Eleanor Hootman Dewey '45 (1987)
Robert D. Dewey '47 (1987)
Mary Joslin Discher '50 (1991)
Gordon L. Dolbee '50 (1991)
Donald C. Flesche (1991)
Samuel Folz '47 (1987)
Marlene Crandell Francis '58 (1976)
Charles E. Garrett, Jr. '42 (1988)
Alfred J. Gemrich '60 (1980)
Caroline Richardson Ham '48 (1988)
I. Frank Harlow '59 (1982)
Lois Stutzman Harvey '29 (1977)
Marilyn Hinkle '44 (1979)
Marian Monteth Hudson '18 (1975)
Joanne Lent Hyames '60 (1983)
Jane Schaafsma Iannelli '58 (1981)
Vincent L. Iannelli '58 (1981)
James H. Ingersoll (1993)
Thomas W. Lambert '65 (1985)
William J. Lawrence, Jr. '41 (1988)
Delbert D. Long '34 (1987)
Elizabeth Upjohn Mason (1979)
Ralph W. McKee '34 (1985)
Gary L. Miller '61 (1992)
James W. Morrell '53 (1990)
Jon R. Muth '67 (1991)
Louise Barrows Northam '56 (1994)
Burke E. Porter (1993)
Jane Meyer Rapley '57 (1983)
W. Harry Rapley '38 (1985)
Marion Johnston Schmiege '45 (1984)
Luel P. Simmons, Jr. '42 (1977)
Marion Wilson Simmons '42 (1977)
Stuart H. Simpson (1985)
Charles E. Starbuck '48 (1982)
Marian Hall Starbuck '45 (1982)
Virginia Johnson Stone '47 (1978)
Betty Heystek Thompson '44 (1985)
Edward P. Thompson '45 (1985)
Royena Hornbeck Tice '26 (1993)
Paul H. Todd, Jr. '42 (1992)
Charles J. Venema '33 (1980)
Marilyn Barton Wilhelm '39 (1975)
J. Rodney Wilson '60 (1989)
Nancy Southard Young '67 (1975)

1996 Recipient of the Distinguished Achievement Award

G. Mark McDonald '73
Dallas, Texas

Award winning sports editor and feature writer for the Dallas Morning News, Mark McDonald graduated from Kalamazoo College in 1973 with a bachelor's degree, majoring in political science. Mark began his journey as a writer while a student at the College, contributing numerous stories to the student newspaper, the Index, as a sports and political writer. Mark wrote a feature story for the spring 1978 Kalamazoo College Quarterly titled "Where Dreams Meet Reality." A collection of five vignettes, the article explored the personal stories of three athletes, a novice sports writer, and the organizer of the Goodwill Games.

Mark first honed his journalism skills while a College intern at The New York Times. Following graduation, he joined The Times as a clerk and editor/reporter trainee. Mark next traveled the west coast, spending a year with the Riverside Press-Enterprise as a rock music critic and handling sports layout responsibilities. Moving on to the Los Angeles Times, Mark gained experience as a reporter and sports copy editor from 1978 to 1980. Continuing his travels, he spent the early 80s as an editor for the political and financial desks of The International Herald Tribune in Paris. A three-year stint with the sports desk of The Boston Globe was followed by Mark's arrival in 1985 at the Dallas Morning News. Settling in Dallas, he is now assistant sports editor, senior staff writer, and features writer. He covers a wide array of social, political, and cultural issues, in addition to sports, both in the United States and abroad.

Mark has received numerous writing and reporting awards, being nominated twice for the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing. He was involved in planning the Dallas Morning News' Pulitzer Prize-winning series, "Violence Against Women." Among the honors bestowed on Mark are the 1995 Texas Sportswriter of the Year, for a portfolio of stories; the 1995 Katie Award for Sports Features, a statewide competition sponsored by the Dallas Press Club; the 1995 Texas Headliners Award for Sports Reporting, for coverage of the 1994 Winter Olympics; 1993 Story of the Year, from the National Cutting Horse Association; and the 1992 GLADD Award, from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Mark also received the 1992 Appreciation Award from the Hopi Nation, and the Union de Producteurs' 1990 Excellence in Wine Writing Award. He has also received various Associated Press Sports Editors' and Associated Press Managing Editors' awards.

When not traveling the world to pursue a story, Mark lives in Dallas.
Past Recipients of the Distinguished Achievement Award

Glenn S. Allen Jr. '36 (1986) jurist, public official
Harold B. Allen '24 (1980) linguist, educator, author
George C. Baldwin '39 (1987) physicist, educator
H. Lewis Batts, Jr. '43 (1978) naturalist, environmentalist, educator
Bruce Benton '64 (1988) economist
Louis F. Brakeman '54 (1992) political scientist, educator
Roger E. Brinner '69 (1987) economist
Garry Brown '51 (1994) congressman, attorney
Harold W. Brown '24 (1982) physician, educator, author
David G. Campbell '71 (1995) biologist, educator, author
Italo Carl Candoli '50 (1986) educator, school system administrator
Frances Clark '28 (1987) music educator
Alma Smith Crawford '27 (1983) civic leader, volunteer
Mildred Doster '30 (1976) physician, school health administrator
Eva M. Eicher '61 (1992) biologist, educator
Kenneth G. Elizenga '63 (1983) economist, educator, author
Elsie Herbold Froeschner '35 (1988) biological illustrator
Harry T. Garland '68 (1983) computer scientist, businessman
Walter A. Good '37 (1977) scientist, inventor
William E. Good '37 (1977) scientist, inventor
Richard D. Haas '65 (1995) economist
Donald L. Hafner '66 (1987) political scientist
E. James Harkema '64 (1992) educator, coach
Richard C. Hudson '69 (1991) television producer
Cynthia Earl Kerman '44 (1979) educator, author
Vincent G. Liff '75 (1995) casting director
Jacqueline Buck Mallinson '48 (1989) science educator, author
Ralph W. McKee '54 (1981) scientist, educator
Genna Rae McNeil '69 (1986) historian, author, educator
John D. Montgomery '41 (1988) political scientist, educator
Gilbert F. Otto '26 (1989) zoologist, educator

Harley R. Pierce '51 (1993) coach, educator
Fred O. Pinkham '42 (1989) educator, management consultant
Jack P. Ragotzy '48 (1995) director, actor, writer
William R. Rogers '54 (1985) educator, author
Daniel M. Ryan '42 (1975) journalist, newspaper publisher
Laurence E. Strong '36 (1984) scientist, educator

Frank S. Tomkins '37 (1990) research scientist
Margaret E. Waid '40 (1987) pathologist
John W. Warner '66 (1990) scientist, businessman
Craig S. Wells '75 (1989) photographer
Owen W. Williams '48 (1986) geodesist
Marcia J. Wood '55 (1986) sculptor, artist, educator
Kalamazoo College is an independent, coeducational, college of arts and sciences. Founded April 22, 1833, it is among the 100 oldest colleges and universities in the United States. Nearly all of its 1,270 students are enrolled full-time and live on campus, creating a genuine sense of community.

At Kalamazoo, courses are taught only by members of its excellent teaching faculty, not by graduate assistants. More than 80 percent of the faculty members hold doctorates or other terminal degrees in their fields. The 12:1 student-faculty ratio affords small classes and personal attention to individual student needs.

Kalamazoo offers 27 majors leading to a bachelor’s degree and 26 minors. The College is noted for particular strength in the sciences, preprofessional programs, economics and business, and foreign languages. The career development internship and study abroad programs are exceptional among all American colleges and universities; more than 80 percent of Kalamazoo College students take part in these experiences. Students may participate in a wide variety of cocurricular activities and student organizations, including the student-managed newspaper, radio station, and yearbook; student government; and a number of social, recreational, and interest groups.

The College fields eight men’s and eight women’s varsity teams and offers a popular selection of intramural sports. The Kalamazoo College Hornets are members of the nation’s oldest collegiate athletic conference, the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA), organized in 1888.

The campus is located in an attractive residential area only a few minutes from the thriving downtown business district. The city of Kalamazoo, the fifth largest metropolitan center (over 200,000 population) in Michigan, provides a wide variety of cultural, social, and recreational opportunities. Midway between Chicago and Detroit on I-94, Kalamazoo is served by major bus lines, rail service, and several commercial airlines.