KALAMAZOO COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Awards

Friday, March 6, 1998
6:00 p.m. · Reception
6:30 p.m. · Banquet
Hicks Center
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 race, creed, age, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, or physical disability. 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.

1998 Recipient of the Weimer K. Hicks Award

Joe K. Fugate, PhD

Joe K. Fugate earned his bachelor of arts degrees in German, English, and the Classics from Southern Illinois University. His masters's and doctoral degrees were earned at Princeton University.

Joe was appointed assistant professor of German at Kalamazoo College in 1961 and held that post until 1966, when he became an associate professor. He is currently a full professor of German language and literature, a position he attained in 1972.

Along with his academic appointments, Joe has served in many administrative capacities for the College as well. During the 1963-64 academic year, Joe served as the overseas director of the study abroad program, and he served as assistant director from 1964 to 1972. From 1965 to 1974, he served as chair of the German department; and from 1974 to 1992, Joe's contributions to the College included his service as director of the nationally recognized study abroad program.

Joe's efforts on behalf of the Kalamazoo College study abroad program have brought him much recognition both at home and abroad. He was awarded the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany and was named an Honorary Fellow of the Institute for American University in Aix-en-Provence, France. Joe is an honorary member of Phi Beta Kappa and was cited as an outstanding educator in the Change magazine article entitled "An Institutional Commitment to Study Abroad."

Over the years, Joe has cultivated strong ties with alumni from four decades and attends many student and alumni functions. He is considered one of the founding fathers of the College's study abroad program and serves on numerous committees.

Joe and his wife Louise live in Kalamazoo. They have three children, including Erika '88.
In responding to his nomination for this award, Joe comments:

Little did I know when I came to the College that I was destined to have a dual career, one in the classroom and one in administration. I have, though, never regarded these as separate and distinct, but rather as two overlapping and intertwined activities, each of which complemented the other. What is most important, each of these afforded me a number of unique opportunities to work with and get to know several generations of students and, in the last decade, their children. There is nothing like sitting down at the table with a group of students three times a day for ten days as a ship rolls and pitches toward Europe or waiting after midnight in the emergency room of an African hospital to provide common experiences that one never forgets. Seldom does a faculty member or administrator have the privilege over an extended period as I did to get to know personally most of the graduates of this College, and for this I am thankful. I have taken great satisfaction in watching the growth and development of many of these students, in the realization that in some small way I have been a part of it, and in the friendships, some reaching back to my first year at the College, that have developed from these contacts.

My special thanks to all, both those among us and those who have passed on, who have made this possible: To Larry Barrett, who hired me; to Weimer Hicks, Dick Light, Dick Stavig, and Wen Chao Chen for their confidence and support; to my close coworkers over a number of years in the study abroad office, Ruth Ziegelmaier and Bill Pruitt; to numerous friends and associates abroad and on campus; and to my colleagues in the German department and foreign languages division. And last but not least, my special thanks to my family, who over the years put up with my frequent absences and impossible schedule.

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Past Recipients of the Weimer K. Hicks Award

- Rolla L. Anderson (1997)
- Laurence N. Barrett (1997)
- Wen Chao Chen (1994)
- Ruth L. Collins (1996)
- Marilyn Hinkle '44 (1995)
- John R. McFarland (1994)
- George M. Nielsen (1995)
- Eleanor Humphrey Pinkham '48 (1995)
- Kathryn N. Stratton (1995)
- Ruth Ziegelmaier (1994)
Preston S. Parish


Undergraduate education has been a special interest throughout his lifetime, and he served as trustee of the Eaglebrook School in Massachusetts, the Holderness School in New Hampshire, and Williams College before becoming a trustee of Kalamazoo College in 1985.

In addition to other community activities, Pete is chairman of the W.E. Upjohn Unemployment Trustee Corporation, parent of the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, and chairman of the Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum. He was a founding member and the first chairman of the Forum for Kalamazoo County.

Since joining the Board of Trustees of Kalamazoo College, Pete has served as chair of the Finance Committee, the Development Committee, the Committee on Trustees, and the Presidential Search Committee.

Among the honors awarded to Pete throughout the years are the following: Rogerson Cup, Williams College, in 1981; Rare Bird Award, Michigan Aeronautics Commission, 1982; E. Earl Wright Community Achievement Award in 1984; Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Williams College, 1988; and Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Kalamazoo College, 1997.

Pete and his wife Barbara reside in Hickory Corners, Michigan.
Myra C. Selby ’77

Myra C. Selby was appointed Associate Justice to the Indiana Supreme Court in January 1995. Prior to that appointment, she was the director of health care policy for the State of Indiana from July 1993 to December 1994. From 1983 to 1993, she was an associate and then partner in the firm of Ice Miller Donadio & Ryan of Indianapolis, Indiana. She was an associate in the law firm of Seyfarth Shaw Fairweather & Geraldson in Washington, DC, from 1980 to 1983.

Myra graduated from Kalamazoo College with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology in 1977. While at Kalamazoo College she was awarded the Kellogg Academic Scholarship (1973-1977) and was named to Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities (1976-1977). Myra is also a graduate of The University of Michigan School of Law (JD, 1980).

Among the honors Myra has earned are the Coalition of 100 Black Women’s Breakthrough Woman and a listing in Who’s Who in American Law.

A member of the American Law Institute, Myra serves on the board of directors of the National Health Lawyers Association. She has served as a member of the Indianapolis Bar Association on the Ethics Committee, Indiana State Bar Association on the Commission on Women in the Legal Profession, the Marion County Judicial Study Commission, and the National Bar Association. Myra is currently a member of the American Bar Association Appellate Judges Division, National Association of Women Judges, and the Indiana Judges’ Association. She was recently appointed advisor for the Restatement of the Law of Torts, 3rd.

Myra is actively involved with many community and professional organizations. She is president of the board of directors for the Indianapolis Ballet Theatre. She serves as a trustee for the Indianapolis Museum of Art, sits on the board of advisors for Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis, and is a member of the board of directors for Metropolitan Indianapolis Public Broadcasting. In addition, Myra is involved with the Stanley K. Lacy Leadership Series, Class XIII, and The University of Michigan Law School.

Myra honored her alma mater and inspired our College’s graduates as the Commencement speaker in 1996. Excerpts from her speech, titled “The End of Learning: Reflections on a Liberal Arts Education,” can be found in the Spring/Summer 1996 issue of the Kalamazoo College Quarterly.

Myra is married to Bruce Curry ’77. They reside with their daughter Lauren in Indianapolis, Indiana.
Past Recipients of the Distinguished Achievement Award

Glenn S. Allen Jr. ‘56 (1986)
jurist, public official

linguist, educator, author

George C. Baldwin ‘59 (1987)
physicist, educator

H. Lewis Batts, Jr. ‘45 (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

physician, educator, author

David G. Campbell ‘71 (1995)
biochemist, 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 ‘50 (1976)
physician, school health administrator

Paul B. Eads ‘75 (1997)
production designer, art director

Eva M. Eicher ‘61 (1992)
biologist, educator

Kenneth G. Eliziga ‘65 (1983)
economist, educator, author

Elsie Herbold Froeschner ‘55 (1988)
biological illustrator

Harry T. Garland ‘68 (1985)
computer scientist, businessman

Walter A. Good ‘57 (1977)
scientist, inventor

William E. Good ‘57 (1977)
scientist, inventor

Richard D. Haas ‘65 (1993)
economist

Donald L. Hafner ‘66 (1987)
political scientist

E. James Harkema ‘64 (1992)
educator, coach

Richard C. Hudson ‘69 (1991)
television producer

playwright, performance artist, author

Cynthia Earl Kerman ‘44 (1979)
educator, author

casting director

science educator, author

G. Mark McDonald ‘75 (1996)
journalist

Ralph W. McKee ‘34 (1981)
scientist, educator

historian, author, educator

political scientist, educator

zoologist, educator

Guy L. Perry ‘27 (1968)
business executive

coach, educator

Fred O. Pinkham ‘42 (1989)
educator, management consultant

director, actor, writer

William R. Rogers ‘54 (1985)
educator, author

Daniel M. Ryan ‘42 (1975)
journalist, newspaper publisher

Laurence E. Strong ‘56 (1984)
scientist, educator

Frank S. Tomkins ‘57 (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
About the College

Kalamazoo College is an independent, coeducational college of liberal arts and sciences. Founded April 22, 1833, it is among the 100 oldest colleges and universities in the nation. Nearly all of its 1,200 students are enrolled full-time and live on campus, creating a genuine sense of community.

Kalamazoo has an exceptional teaching faculty; 95 percent hold PhDs or equivalent terminal degrees in their fields. The student-faculty ratio of 12-to-1 allows for small classes and personal attention to individual needs. Many faculty conduct research or other scholarship projects in partnership with their undergraduate students.

Kalamazoo offers 28 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 stellar 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 (population 225,000) 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.