2002 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS & ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES
KALAMAZOO COLLEGE
DISTINGUISHED
ALUMNI AWARDS
& ATHLETIC
HALL OF FAME
INDUCTEES
CEREMONY
Friday, October 18, 2002

Welcome
Bonnie Wachter Swenby ’69
Alumni Association President

Presentation of Awards
Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees
Rene “Kip” Adrian ’97
presented by Hardy Fuchs
Rebecca (Rifenberg) Green ’92
presented by Marilyn Mauer
Gregory McDonald ’97
presented by Timothy Rogers
Donald Flesche
presented by Robert Kent

Distinguished Achievement Award
Ronald Sharp ’67
presented by Walter Waring
(Award being accepted by Gary Wright ’67)

Distinguished Service Award
John Honell ’66
presented by Amy Hale ’66

Weimer K. Hicks Award
Letitia “Tish” Loveless
presented by Amy Courter ’83
Babette Trader
presented by Bonnie Wachter Swenby ’69
(Award being accepted by Diane Trader)

Closing Remarks
James F. Jones, Jr.
President

Dessert reception to follow.
Rene "Kip" Adrian '97

Kalamazoo native Kip Adrian played Hornet soccer four years. He was captain and team MVP in 1995 and 1996, and MIAA MVP in 1996. He was voted all-region and All-MIAA for 1995 and 1996, and was selected for the GTE Academic All-American First Team in 1996. In his senior year, he received the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Award, and the Kalamazoo College Athletic Association Award for top scholar/athlete.

Kip worked as a research assistant at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, received a Brystol-Meyers Student Research Fellowship, and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa National Academic Honor Society. He earned a double major in Economic and Business Administration and Health Sciences and graduated summa cum laude.

After "K", Kip continued to play soccer competitively with Ginger's Soccer Club, which he co-organized. He also coached an inner city youth soccer team through Caprini Green Youth Programs. In 1997, 1999, and 2000, he was a member of the Chicago Marathon's volunteer medical staff; in 1998 he was a participant in the event.

Kip graduated from Northwestern University Medical School in 2001 and is currently working as a resident physician at the University of Chicago Hospital, specializing in emergency medicine. He also provides flight physician services for the hospital's helicopter aeromedical program and for AXA, an international medical transfer program that transports critically ill patients anywhere in the world.
Rebecca (Rifenberg) Green '92

Rebecca Green played Hornet softball four seasons. She was team MVP and earned All-MIAA honors in three of those seasons: 1990, 1991 and 1992. She holds the school records for single season batting average (.430), career batting average (.401), single season runs scored, single season doubles, single season home runs, career doubles, and career home runs.

For her career development internship and her SIP, Rebecca worked at a rehabilitation center for children with brain injury. After she graduated (with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology) she accepted a position as a neuropsychology technician at the rehabilitation center. She later handled outpatient case management and conducted neuropsychological evaluations of new patients. In 1995, she began work as a management consultant for a human resources consulting firm. The firm assisted companies with design and delivery of corporate training and management development systems.

In 1997, Rebecca switched careers again and began what she considers the hardest and greatest job in the world: being "Mom" to William, now age 5, and Audrey, age 3. She has also worked part-time from her home as a free lance management consultant and NFL player representative for Luther Elliss of the Detroit Lions. Rebecca is actively involved in women's ministries at Kensington Community Church.

Rebecca, her husband Bill '92, and their two children live in Troy, Michigan.
Gregg McDonald played football for the Hornets from 1994 to 1996, and was Team Captain his senior year. He was twice elected team MVP (1995, 1996) and was all-MIAA quarterback in both 1995 and 1996. In the fall of his senior year, he received the Burger King National Scholar Athlete Award.

Gregg currently holds fifteen school records, including: total offense yardage in a single game (442 yds), total passing yardage in a single game (428 yds), number of touchdown passes in a single game (4), total offense yardage in a single season (3,101 yds), total passing yardage in a single season (3,089 yds), number of touchdown passes in a single season (23), total offense yardage for career (7,273 yds), total passing yardage for career (7,339 yds), and number touchdowns passes for career (50). According to loyal Hornet fan, Fred Jackson, Gregg "was the most prolific passer in 'K' College history."

Gregg did his foreign study in Caen, France, and graduated cum laude with a degree in Health Sciences. He currently works in sales for Eisai Pharmaceuticals in St. Petersburg, Florida. Gregg’s wife, Libby, is a graduate of Hope College; their first child, Emma, was born on July 15 of this year.
Donald Flesche

Between 1962 and 1997, Don Flesche was professor of political science at Kalamazoo College, but that was far from his only role. Don always made a point of being involved in the College community in other ways. He advised pre-law students and served on committees for Campus Life, international study, and African studies. He hosted a Yugoslav exchange student, coordinated blood drives and participated in the Faculty Readers Theatre and the Noontide Tales series.

For 37 years, he was "The Voice of the Hornets" in his role as the public address announcer for "K" football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, men's and women's soccer, baseball, softball, and tennis. Sometimes he announced three events on a single Saturday. He was a loyal fan and frequent volunteer at those rare sporting events that he did not announce.

Don served as chair of the College's committee on athletics, and was Kalamazoo's representative to the NCAA and to the MIAA for 34 years. In addition, he was a key volunteer at the USTA Kalamazoo Junior Nationals.

Don was the first recipient of the Frances Diebold Award (1983). He has since received the prestigious GreenJacket Award for his work with the USTA (1987), the Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award (1991), the Florence J. Lucasse Lectureship Award (1991-92), and the Weimer K. Hicks Award (2001).
Ron Sharp’s *K-Plan* included study in Madrid, Spain, an internship as a sports reporter for the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, and a SIP on the early love poetry of Theodore Roethke. He wrote for the College newspaper, *Index* and served as editor of *Cauldron*, Kalamazoo College’s literary magazine.

After graduating from Kalamazoo College, Ron earned his Master’s degree in English from the University of Michigan (1968) and Ph.D. in English from the University of Virginia (1974). In 1970 he began his long and successful career as a professor of English at Kenyon College. From 1978 to 1981 he served as co-editor of the *Kenyon Review*. Sharp has written and edited six books, published numerous articles and reviews, presented lectures and papers at many professional meetings, and recorded several programs on NPR’s *Soundings*.

In 1998 he was named associate provost at Kenyon. A year later he became acting provost and in 2000 was named provost. Last year he became acting president of Kenyon College.

A renowned expert on John Keats, Sharp is a member of many prestigious organizations and has received many honors including fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Humanities Center, and the American Council of Learned Societies.

His wife is Inese Brutans Sharp, a member of the Class of 1970. She directs the Kenyon Brown Family Environmental Center. They have two sons, Andy, the Assistant Director of Development at the Stanford Graduate School of Business, and Jimmy, a sophomore at the College of Wooster.
John Honell ’66

John’s work on behalf of the College began in 1982, when he started to recruit students and help career development interns find housing and transportation in the Los Angeles area. His role became more visible in 1990 when he was appointed to the Alumni Executive Board, on which he served for six years. During that time John became a dedicated class leader and a loyal promoter of his College. In 1992, John took on the position of Class Agent for his very active class. During his tenure in that position, the Class of 1966 has won the Paul Lamont Thompson Award eight of the last ten years. The award recognizes outstanding participation in the Kalamazoo College Fund. John has been an active member in the Greater Los Angeles Alumni Chapter, serving as head from 1992 to 1999, and he has advised the College during two of its fundraising campaigns. He has served as the Kalamazoo College representative at presidential inaugurations at Azusa Pacific University, Claremont McKenna College and Loyola Marymount College.

John’s eclectic employment history includes experiences as a bartender, switchboard operator, desk clerk, hotel manager, professional gambler, truck driver, salesman, operations manager for NYSE listed company, sports reporter, sports editor, husband and father. “The last two,” he says, “are my favorites and only ones that really mean anything.” He is currently working as Transportation Manager for United Welding Supply of Los Angeles and Sports Editor for West Covina Weekly. His wife, Judy, is a flight attendant for American Airlines, and his daughter, Kelly, lives and works in Burbank, California.
Letitia “Tish” Loveless

When Tish Loveless joined Kalamazoo College’s faculty as the director of women’s athletics in 1953, she may well have wondered what exactly it was that she was to be directing. At that time the women of “K” played on intramural teams in several sports, but there were no intercollegiate women’s teams. Tish quickly changed that. She established women’s intercollegiate teams in tennis, field hockey, archery, swimming, basketball, volleyball, soccer, and cross country. She directed the Hornets to 23 titles in women’s tennis, four championships in archery and one in field hockey. Her last team, the 1986 Hornet women’s tennis squad, finished 3rd in the nation in NCAA Division III. A total of 28 championships made Tish the most successful coach of women’s teams in MIAA history and earned her the number two spot on the MIAA Coaches of Distinction list.

Off the field, Tish was an active member of the College community. She served on a variety of faculty committees, instituted College classes in downhill skiing, cross country skiing, and lacrosse, encouraged the establishment of a fencing club, and promoted the inclusion of contemporary dance in the curriculum. She helped with the annual United Way campaign, participated in Faculty Readers’ Theatre and the Bach Festival Chorus, and led various Land/Sea groups.

Tish was inducted into the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Hall of Fame in 1988 and the Kalamazoo College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992.
Babette Trader

Babette Trader served in the administrations of three College presidents, saw the construction of eleven buildings, and congratulated the first classes to complete the innovative new K-Plan.

In her 21-year tenure, she served as assistant dean of students for women (1963-66), assistant dean of students (1966-68), associate dean of student affairs (1968-73), associate dean of student services (1973-75), dean of students (1975-77), coordinator of academic advising (1976-78), and dean of academic advising (1978-84). In these positions, Babette was involved in many areas of campus community, including the judicial council, admissions and personnel committees, parents council, Alpha Lambda Delta, and the Women's Council. She was an excellent counselor and continues as a long-time friend for many.

In addition to her College responsibilities, Babette was a long-time member and campus liaison to the Michigan Association of Women Deans, Counselors and Administrators, serving as secretary, membership chairman, and president. She was also a member of that group's national association. She was a charter member of the National Academic Advising Association and for many years was a volunteer at the National Boys 16 and 18 Tennis Tournament.

In 1986, the Michigan Association of Women Deans, Counselors, and Administrators awarded Babette the Harriet Myer Memorial Service Award for her outstanding contributions to education and women. She has also been inducted into several honorary societies for women educators. In 1984, the Campus Citizenship and Leadership Certificate award was renamed The Babette Trader Campus Citizenship and Leadership Award. Shortly before her retirement, the faculty voted to grant Babette emeritus status, an honor usually reserved for faculty members.
George Acker
Rolla Anderson
Karla Lutz Atkinson '66
Jacqueline Aurelia '94
Chester S. Barnard
Laura L. Behling '89
Dennis Bishop '75
Robert T. Black '26
Victor K. Braden Jr. '51
Henry "Hank" Brown '36
James R. Burda '87
Christopher G. Burns '82
Christopher P. Bussart '78
Derek S. Bylsma '91
Miles W. Casteel '22
Jeremy P. Cole '96
Timon Corwin '86
David Dame '79
Albert L. Deal '37
Rosemary Luther DeHoog '60
Manny Glaser '54
Tiffany G. Greenman '92
Charles C. Hall '01
E. James Harkema '64
Milton "Bud" Hinga '23
Joseph L. Howard '38
Richard P. Howrey '87
Merry Lu Jordon '82
Donald J. Knoechel '80
Sara Musser Krechman '96
John P. Lambooy '37
Richard A. Lemmer '41
Mary Rosso Lewis '43
Letitia A. Loveless

Bertram "Scotty" MacGregor '19
Joel J. Menges '80
Brian J.S. Miller '96
Lewis Miller '93
William J. Oberholtzer '83
Lynn Achterberg Offerdahl '83
Alex G. Palladino '87
Kim E. Paterson '90
Claire Wight Payne '16
John C. Persons '64
Lawrence A. Pfaff '73
Harley R. Pierce '51
Mary Westerville Prange '67
J. Gordon Rodwan '62
David J. Rowley '74
John A. Schelske '82
Kathleen Dombos Schlakebir '72
Marion "Buck" Shane '40
Daniel J. Slattery '79
Marjorie Snyder '75
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Donald D. Spalsbury '39
Charles T. Stanski '50
Allen B. Stowe '20
Jack W. Sunderland '50
William S. Taylor '18
Marc S. Tirikian '88
Kevin E. VandenBerg '89
Jeffrey W. Walker '93
Robert S. Warren '39
Joseph B. Westnedge 1899
Jeffrey A. Wilxon '91
G. Daniel Wood '40
Ralph H. Young
Mei Zhang '92
### Past Recipients of the Distinguished Achievement Award

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- wildlife biologist, environmental activist
- physicist, educator
- naturalist, environmentalist, educator
- economist
- political scientist, educator
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- political scientist, educator
- economist
- political scientist
- teacher, coach
- television producer
- playwright, performance artist, author
- educator, author
- casting director
- science educator, author
- journalist
- scientist, educator
- historian, author, educator
- political scientist, educator
- zoologist, educator
- business executive
- coach, educator
- educator, management consultant
- director, actor, writer
- educator, author
- journalist, newspaper publisher
- associate justice
- clergyman, housing activist
- scientist, educator
- research scientist
- pathologist
- scientist, businessman
- photographer
- Director Drug Endangered Children Resource Center
- geodesist
- sculptor, artist, educator
Past Recipients of the Distinguished Service Award

Harold B. Allen '21 (1983)
George H. 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)
Joyce Kirk Coleman '66 (1996)
Gene R. Conrad (1987)
Maynard M. Conrad '36 (1979)
Helen I. Coover '33 (1985)
Joan Story Copeland '56 (1995)
Albert Deal '37 (1999)
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 '39 (1982)
Lois Stutzman Harvey '29 (1977)
Marilyn Hinkle '44 (1979)
Marian Monteith Hudson '18 (1975)
Joanne Lent Hyames '60 (1983)
Jane Schaafman Iannelli '58 (1981)
James H. Ingersoll (1993)
Thomas W. Lambert '63 (1985)
William J. Lawrence, Jr. '41 (1988)
Delbert D. Long '34 (1987)
David R. Markin (1997)

Past Recipients of the Weimer K. Hicks Award

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 '36 (1994)
Preston S. Parish (1998)
Burke E. Porter (1993)
Jane Meyer Rapley '37 (1983)
W. Harry Rapley '38 (1983)
Marion Johnston Schmiege '45 (1984)
Luel P. Simmons, Jr. '42 (1977)
Marian Wilson Simmons '42 (1977)
Stuart H. Simpson (1985)
B. Thomas Smith, Jr. '55 (2001)
Charles E. Starbuck '48 (1982)
Marian Hall Starbuck '45 (1982)
Virginia Johnson Stone '47 (1978)
Betty Heystek Thompson '44 (1985)
Edward P. Thompson '43 (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)
Mary K. Woolever '70 (2000)
Nancy Southard Young '67 (1975)
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 and the Kalamazoo College Fund, Kalamazoo College, 1200 Academy Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 49006-3295.
ABOUT THE AWARDS

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME inductees must have attained distinction at Kalamazoo College as athletes, coaches, or individuals closely associated with athletics. Athletes must have been students in good standing while at the College, but graduation is not a requirement. No one may be inducted fewer than five years following graduation or departure from the College. Individuals may be inducted posthumously.

THE DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD is presented to alumni based upon national or international peer recognition of their excellence and achievement in their professional field.

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD is presented to alumni or friends of the College who have made exceptional personal contributions to the College and have performed effectively in leadership positions for the Alumni Association and/or the College.

THE WEIMER K. HICKS AWARD honors a current or retired employee of the College who has provided long-term support to College programs or activities beyond the call of duty, or who has provided excellent service in the performance of his or her job, making a significant contribution to the College in ways that have advanced the goals of the Alumni Association.

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