2004 Distinguished Alumni Awards & Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees
Welcome
Robin Lake '90
Alumni Association President

Presentation of Awards

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees
Susie (Anderson) Dubeck '98
presented by Phil Nielsen
Erin Killian '99
presented by Phil Nielsen
John Latham '99
presented by Robert Kent
Bob Urschalitz '59
presented by Rolla Anderson

Distinguished Achievement Award
John Sarno '44
presented by Jeanne Hess
(accepted by Fred Jackson '60)
Gene Tidrick '64
presented by Richard T. Stavig

Distinguished Service Award
Karen DeVos '59
presented by Mary Ann Wise-Dawson '59

Weimer K. Hicks Award
Marilyn J. LaPlante
presented by Marigene Arnold

Closing Remarks
Bernard S. Palchick
Acting President

Dessert reception to follow
Susie (Anderson) Dubek '98

Susie was a passionate performer for the College’s women’s soccer program for four memorable years. Susie was the epitome of a team player and is proud of her team’s two NCAA appearances (1997, 1998) and its 60-18-3 overall record. Susie received various individual accolades including team MVP honors as a sophomore and senior, All-MIAC recognition (1995, 1998), and All-Region selection in 1998. Susie holds the record for individual assists for a season (23). In addition to playing at Kalamazoo College, Susie also played with the Rockford Dactyls (1998) and the Kalamazoo Quest (1999).

Susie earned her Bachelor’s degree in psychology and a teaching certificate in Spanish. Her interest and enthusiasm for youth and Spanish were established during her unforgettable six-month study abroad program in Madrid, Spain, and her career internship at the Environmental Schools in Maine.

In 1999, Susie accepted a teaching position in nearby Parchment, Mich. This proximity enabled her to serve as an assistant coach for the Lady Hornets in 1999, a team that achieved an 18-3 record.

To be closer to family and friends, Susie eventually moved to Berkley, Mich., where she is a Spanish teacher at Berkley High School. She coaches that school’s boys and girls varsity soccer teams. In 2003 she completed her Master’s degree in education from Cambridge College, and she married her best friend Dan. The newlyweds live in Huntington Woods, Mich.
Erin Killian '99

Erin Killian played Hornet soccer for four years. She was a four-time All-MIAA selection and a three-time All-Midwest Region selection. She was named All-American in 1998. Erin was team MVP in 1997 and MIAA MVP in 1998. She holds the College's single-season scoring record (84 points in 1998) and single-game scoring record (13 against Alma). In 1999, Erin received the Kalamazoo College Athletic Association All-Sports Award as outstanding senior woman athlete at the school.

Erin majored in English, minored in sociology, and studied abroad in Bonn and Freiburg, Germany. For her Senior Individualized Project, she wrote autobiographical vignettes on the disparity between her athletic fortune and her mother's life with multiple sclerosis. During her years at Kalamazoo College, Erin worked in the bookstore, tutored underprivileged children, and coached junior varsity girls' soccer at Hackett High School and Loy Norrix High School.

After graduation, Erin continued to play soccer competitively with the Kalamazoo Quest, a women's semi-pro team, before moving to London, England, where she worked as a website administrator for Euromoney Institutional Investor.

Erin earned a Master's degree in magazine journalism from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism in December 2001. She interned at *Time* magazine in Hong Kong before taking a yearlong reporting post at *Forbes* magazine in Chicago. She was an associate editor at a national healthcare trade magazine in Chicago that won second place for "Best News Section" from the American Society of Healthcare Publication Editors in 2003. Erin is now a staff reporter at the *Washington Business Journal*. She was awarded a media fellowship at Case Western Reserve University in April 2004.

Erin volunteers for the Multiple Sclerosis Society Young Professional's group and is a member of the Association for Health Care Journalists and the Association for Women Journalists.
John Latham '99

John Latham's swimming career at Kalamazoo College spanned four years during which he earned numerous accolades. Latham was All-MIAA and MIAA MVP in all four years and was team captain in 1999. He earned All American honors and was named team MVP each year. He holds school records in 100 backstroke, 200 backstroke, and 400 medley relay. He also holds the MIAA record in the 200 individual medley.


Besides earning individual and team honors, John invested his time and energy into the future of Kalamazoo College swimming by engaging in the athletic recruiting program. He interviewed recruits and made visits to scout talent.

After graduation, John continued to coach swimming and water polo. In 1999 he founded and coached the Mattawan Swim Club. He also coached young swimmers in East Lansing as part of the Capital Area Swim Team in 2001.

John’s leadership in the pool has carried over to his work life. He is one of the youngest district sales managers for Samsonite Corporation in the country. His responsibilities include hiring and training sales representatives and increasing sales for thirteen stores in Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. He helps provide general sales leadership and helps generate sales of more than $10 million yearly.

John continues to swim and play water polo, but he has redirected his extracurricular energies to running and mountain climbing. John leads friends, relatives, and Coach Kent on yearly trekking expeditions through the Rockies, a tradition that began during his years on the Kalamazoo College swim team.
Robert E. Urschalitz ’59

Bob Urschalitz earned a passel of gridiron honors in his three years as a Kalamazoo College football Hornet. Here’s a sampling—All MIAA honorable mention; All MIAA first team; team most valuable player (MVP); team leader in rushing, passing, and total offense; MIAA league MVP; Randall Bosch Award winner; All Michigan NAIA first team; All Michigan second team; and team captain.

In addition to football, Bob also won three letters in golf. Kalamazoo won an MIAA golf championship one of those years, the first time since 1942.

Bob retired from teaching in 1993 after 33 years of service. During his teaching career he coached high school football, basketball, and golf and received numerous awards for his coaching. He took one of his basketball teams to the final four of the state tournament, and he won a state championship in golf.

Bob is a Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association hall of fame member in golf, serves on the MIGCA executive board as events chairman, and works at state high school tournaments. He works on the All-State selection committee for boys and girls golf, and on the committee to select Hall of Fame golf coaches in the state.

Currently he substitute teaches at Jackson Catholic Middle School and coaches their 8th grade girls basketball team.

Bob has four children: Mike of Grand Rapids, Kim of Great Falls, Va.; Dan (deceased), and Sarah of Springfield, Va. He has nine grandchildren. He spends his time enjoying his grandchildren and playing golf.
In the spring of 1943 there were very few men left on the campus of Kalamazoo College, many having joined the armed forces of the United States. After three years at Kalamazoo, John enlisted in the United States Army and received his assignment to the Medical Department. His work was to assist surgeons in the operating room.

When he returned from the war in 1946, John began medical school at Columbia University. After graduating from Columbia, and following a one year internship, John set up a family practice in a small town near the Hudson River about 65 miles north of New York City. During his nine years there he founded, with two other doctors, an all-purpose medical group, one of the first in the State of New York. In 1960 he decided to specialize and entered training in the field of physical medicine and rehabilitation at the New York University School of Medicine in New York City. John became head of the outpatient service at the Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, where he first encountered large numbers of patients with pain problems, predominantly of the back. He found conventional diagnostic and therapeutic practices to be unsuccessful, frustrating, and unfulfilling, and he concluded that the back pain he was seeing in his patients was the result of a mind-body process.


John and his wife Martha Taylor Sarno, director of speech pathology at the Rusk Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, have a daughter, Christina, and one grandchild, Miles.
Gene Tidrick ’64

Gene Tidrick has had a long career in development economics, as a teacher, researcher, and practitioner.

Gene taught economics at Williams College and served as Director of Admissions for the Center for Development Economics.

Gene has written on topics as diverse as Kenyan land reform, China's industrial reform, Indian macroeconomic policy, and a comparison of China and India for a handbook on economic development. An early article on unemployment in developing countries, which grew out of work begun on his senior thesis research in Jamaica, is reprinted in a standard book of readings, Leading Issues in Economic Development. He was a co-author of the World Bank's Accelerated Development in Sub-Saharan Africa (the "Berg Report"), which Foreign Affairs cited in 1997 as one of the most significant books written on Africa since the journal was founded in 1922. He also was co-author of China: Long-Term Issues and Options, which had considerable influence on China's approach to reform, and of Can Africa Claim the 21st Century?, published in 2000.

Gene's first experience as a practitioner of development economics was in Tanzania as a member of the Harvard Advisory Group from 1973-6. In 1979-80 he served as trade policy adviser to the government of Kenya. During most of the 1980's, Gene worked for the World Bank, serving as the Bank's lead economist for China during the period of intensive reform just prior to Tiananmen. In 1989 he moved to New Delhi, India, where he was chief of the World Bank's economic unit for India until 1992. He participated in the period of economic reform which helped set India on the path of more rapid growth. In 1992 he returned to Washington to become the World Bank's lead economist for Southern Africa, including South Africa, which was moving to majority rule. Recently retired, he continues to work as a consultant on development issues.

Gene’s interest in international development started at Kalamazoo College where he studied abroad on three occasions. The foreign study program also can take credit for introducing him to his wife Kathryn, whom he met during his junior year in London. Kathryn is a writer and historian of the British colonial period. Gene and Kathryn have two children: Rachel and Sabino.
Karen DeVos '59

Karen’s service to the College officially began during dinner at the fifth reunion of her Class of '59, at which time she was unanimously elected class agent. It happened so quickly that Karen, who had been involved in conversation with a classmate at her table, suddenly heard people offering their congratulations and couldn’t decline!

Karen has contacted her class members annually on behalf of the College over these many years. The highlights of those years have been personal responses from classmates and positive interactions with personnel in the office of alumni relations and the Kalamazoo College fund.

As the years passed, Karen became involved with the Kalamazoo Alumni Association. During the 1970’s, she planned Alumni Association teas at Hoben Hall on Commencement weekend for graduates and their parents. Late in the 1980’s she served three years as vice president of the Alumni Association Executive Board.

Besides serving as class agent and Alumni Association Executive Board member, Karen volunteered for the admissions office. While living in Las Vegas after her retirement in 1990, she and her husband John ('53) represented Kalamazoo College at the annual Las Vegas High School College Fair. She also contacted high school students in the Southwest who had applied to the College.

Between 1959 and 1990, Karen taught middle school English and social studies and eventually pursued an advanced degree so she could become a middle school librarian. During most of her teaching career, she worked in and around the Kalamazoo area. After retirement, Karen pursued a hobby of researching the life of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, author of The Yearling. Eventually this interest led her to write a script and produce a one-woman show in which she portrays the author. To date, she has taken her show to schools, libraries, and senior residences in 14 different states.

Karen and John raised two daughters, one of whom, Paula, graduated from Kalamazoo College. Paula was the first Heyl scholar whose mother and father had graduated from the College.

In her 40th year of service to her alma mater, Karen looks back on those years with appreciation and fondness. She believes Kalamazoo College has shaped her life in numerous ways. Most importantly, it was the catalyst that brought she and her husband together.
Marilyn J. LaPlante

While serving two years as Associate Academic Dean at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, Marilyn LaPlante discovered that she enjoyed college administration. When the full-time position of Associate Provost became available at Kalamazoo College, Marilyn applied, was selected, and began at the College in 1979. She was eager to become a part of Kalamazoo College because she felt that the K-Plan was an innovative and ideal structure to provide a rich educational experience for students.

In the role of Associate Provost, Marilyn served on several college committees and was responsible for planning and delivering the first-year student orientation program. She was also responsible for helping students solve and take responsibility for academic problems.

After serving five years as Associate Provost, Marilyn was invited by the President to serve as the Dean of Students. Marilyn soon discovered that she enjoyed working in the area of student development. She liked working with a team of dedicated professionals to plan programs and develop an environment that would contribute to the full development of students. As Dean of Students, Marilyn began serving on the President’s Advisory Council, continued to plan and oversee the first-year student orientation program, handled judicial and disciplinary processes, and served on many college committees.

For the last three years of her tenure, Marilyn was named Vice President for Experiential Education. Career Development, the Academic Resource Center, and the new First-Year Experience were added to Marilyn's administrative area. As Vice President for Experiential Education, Marilyn tried to more closely link the experiential education that grew out of Student Development to the K-Plan experiential programs of Career Development, Study Abroad, and various internship opportunities through the Senior Projects. Marilyn was instrumental in the development of the Kalamazoo College Portfolio, a model that was emulated by other colleges and continues within the First-Year Experience under the direction of Zaide Pixley.

For her work in experiential education, Marilyn was honored by endowed scholarships created in her name. The scholarships are awarded to students whose internships involve outstanding service-learning components.

Marilyn served for several years on various committees and on the Board of the Kalamazoo YWCA, and she was active in various national experiential education organizations and professional meetings.

After twenty-two years of service to Kalamazoo College, Marilyn retired in 2001.
George Acker
Rene "Kip" Adrian '97
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. Bussert '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
Phillip Dillman '53
Donald Flesche
Manny Glaser '54
Rebecca (Rifenberg) Green '92
Tiffany G. Greenman '92
Charles C. Hall '01
E. James Harkema '64
Milton "Bud" Hinga '23
Joseph L. Howard '38
Richard P. Howrey '87
Richard Johnson '66
Merry Lu Jordon '82
Mary (Siwajek) Klahorst '92
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
Gregory W. McDonald '97
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
Jennifer Russell '94
John A. Schelske '82
Kathleen Dombos Schlukebir '72
Marion "Buck" Shane '40
Daniel J. Stoffler '79
Marjorie Snyder '75
James Steffof '53
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
James VanSweden '73
Jeffrey W. Walker '93
Robert S. Warren '39
Joseph B. Westnedge 1899
Jeffrey A. Wilxson '91
G. Daniel Wood '40
Don Young '80
Ralph H. Young
Mei Zhang '92
Steven R. Zuhl '76
Past Recipients of the Distinguished Achievement Award

Glenn S. Allen, Jr. '36 (1986) jurist, public official
Harold B. Allen '24 (1980) linguist, educator, author
Renee Askins '81 (1999) wildlife biologist, environmental activist
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
Scott C. Cleland '82 (2000) political scientist, business executive
Alma Smith Crawford '27 (1983) civic leader, volunteer
Mildred Doster '30 (1976) physician, school health administrator
Paul B. Eads '73 (1997) production designer, art director
Eva M. Eicher '61 (1992) biologist, educator
Kenneth G. Elzenga '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 (1993) 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
Lisa Kron '83 (2003) actress, director, playwright
Vincent G. Liff '73 (1995) casting director
Jacqueline Buck Mallinson '48 (1989) science educator, author
G. Mark McDonald '73 (1996) journalist
Ralph W. McKee '34 (1981) scientist, educator
Genna Rae McNeil '69 (1986) historian, author, educator
David Mesenbring '73 (2003) activist, clergyman
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. Ragotzky '48 (1993) director, actor, writer
William R. Rogers '54 (1985) educator, author
Daniel M. Ryan '42 (1975) journalist, newspaper publisher
Myra C. Selby '77 (1998) associate justice
Ronald Sharp '67 (2002) educator
P. Ronald Spann '66 (1999) clergyman, housing activist
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
Kathleen M. West '77 (2001) Director Drug Endangered Children Resource Center
Owen W. Williams '48 (1986) geodesist
Marcia J. Wood '55 (1986) sculptor, artist, educator
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)
Joyce Kirk Coleman '66 (1996)
Gene R. Conrad (1987)
Maynard M. Conrad '36 (1979)
Helen I. Coover '39 (1982)
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)
Susan (Kilborn) Francois '68 (2003)
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 Schaafsman 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)
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)
Mary Lou Schofield Smith '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)

Past Recipients of the Weimer K. Hicks Award

George Acker (1999)
Rolla L. Anderson (1997)
Laurence N. Barrett (1997)
Wen Chao Chen (1994)
Ruth L. Collins (1996)
Donald C. Flesche (2001)
Joe Fugate (1998)
Marilyn Hinkle '44 (1995)
Letitia “Tish” Loveless (2002)
John R. McFarland (1994)
George M. Nielsen (1995)
Eleanor Humphrey Pinkham '48 (1993)
Marcia Price (2000)
Richard T. Stavig (1993)
Kathryn N. Stratton (1993)
Babette Trader (2003)
Ruth Ziegelmaier (1994)
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.
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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