

Past Honorees

Listed here are the past recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award

2007

Dr. Sara Jansen - Class of 1891 - In honor of her pioneer spirit, Humanitarian & public service achievements.

Fredrick R. Kappel - Class of 1919 - In honor of his business and public service achievements.

Paul P. Overgaard - Class of 1947 - In honor of his public service and community impact

Dr. Bryant Pickering - Class of 1947 - In honor of professional and humanitarian achievements and his continued support of education.

Dr. Donald Draayer, Ed D - Class of 1953 - In honor of his public service and humanitarian achievements.

Jerrol Tostrud - Class of 1956 - In honor of his business and economic achievements.

D. R. (Sid) Verdoorn - Class of 1957 - In honor of his business and economic achievements.

Geraldine Vogt - Class of 1963 - In honor of her community, economic and humanitarian impact on the community.

2008

Mary King - Class of 1910 - In honor of her devoted service to Naeve School of Nursing and Naeve Hospital.

Harold William Atkins - Class of 1938 - In honor of his innovative work and significant contribution to the improvement of safety in aviation.

Dr. Earl Thompson - Class of 1945 - In honor of his humanitarian efforts to improve the lives of people in Nepal and other developing nations.

Virginia Graasedalen Olson - Class of 1954 - In honor of her business success and her dedicated service to her community.

Steven Leuthold - Class of 1956 - In honor of his successful business career and his many philanthropic endeavors.

O. Dale Larson - Class of 1956 - In honor of his success in business and his generous commitment to his community.

2009

Thomas Nee - Class of 1938 - In honor of his life-long contribution to the teaching of music and the development of music programs and organizations for the enrichment of the lives of many.

Howard J. Christensen - Class of 1941 - In honor of his business and economic achievements and his service to his community.

Richard Ackland - Class of 1959 - In honor of his business and economic achievements and his service to his community.

Gayle Kvenvold - Class of 1969 - In honor of her professional achievements in service and support of issues to benefit the aging.

Major General Thomas K. Andersen - Class of 1976 - In honor of his distinguished career in the USAF and his service and devotion to his country.

2010

Donald R. Wedge, Class of 1931 - for his successful career and his service to the community

Herbert C. Anderson, Class of 1949 - for his exemplary service to the community

Dr. Jerry P. Draayer, Class of 1960 - for his long and distinguished career in education, and scientific research and development in nuclear physics

Keith A. Fligge, Class of 1952 - for his successful business career and service to the community

Herbert A. Thompson, Class of 1959 - for his long and distinguished career in education and scientific research in biomedicine

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