



Holderness/Weaver Award

Purpose:

The Holderness/Weaver Award is the University's highest award for service to the Greensboro/Triad community. It was established to recognize North Carolinians who have made especially meritorious contributions or have rendered unusually distinguished public service.

Established in 1998 and accompanied by a crystal bowl, the award is named in honor of Adelaide Fortune Holderness and H. Michael Weaver.

Background:

This award was created to honor two friends of the University by recognizing others who follow in their footsteps and continue to demonstrate the University's high value on civic engagement.

Adelaide Fortune Holderness graduated from the then Woman's College in 1934. For Adelaide, a passion for education was a tradition. She was chosen as president of the Alumni Association in 1962 and continued to serve on the Association's board for the next twenty-seven years. She was elected as the first female member of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors in 1972. She served on numerous university and community boards including this University's Board of Trustees, the Excellence Foundation Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors for the Weatherspoon Art Museum. In 1967 she received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award and the UNCG Centennial award in 1973. The University again honored her in 1975 with a Doctor of Laws. She passed away in 2014.

H. Michael "Mike" Weaver was born and raised in Greensboro, North Carolina. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and went on to graduate from the university's law school. In 1961 Weaver returned to Greensboro to work for his family's realty business. During the 1960s Weaver served on the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce and for a year as the head of the housing committee of the Human Relations Commission. In 1967 he and his father, W. Herman Weaver, founded the Weaver Foundation. Weaver formally retired in 1999 but continues his work with the Foundation. Among his numerous charitable, civic and professional affiliations, he has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He is a resident of Greensboro and continues as a loyal supporter of this University



Holderness Weaver Recipients

2018 – **Sarah Cole Jordan**, education advocate

2017 – **Robert E. (Bobby) Long, Jr.**, founder at Long, Miller and Associates, volunteer leader

2016 – **Shirley Frye**, educator and community volunteer

2015 – **Elizabeth Buford '68**

2014 – **Rev. Mike Aiken**, executive director of Greensboro Urban Ministry

2013 – **Richard Whittington and Preston Lane**, co-founders of Triad Stage

2012 – **Alan W. Cone '72** MEd

2012 – **Sally Schindel Cone '72** MEd

2011 – **Dot Kendall Kearns**, Public Education Advocate

2010 – **T. Clyde & Dorothy B. Collins '54**, Philanthropic & Volunteer Leaders

2009 – **Florence Gatten**, Former Greensboro City Council member and Community Volunteer

2008 – No award presented

2007 – **Bill Black**, Community Volunteer

2006 – **Carol J. Mattocks '62**, Community Leader, Volunteer, and Child Advocate

2005 – **Shirley Spears**, Philanthropic Leader

2004 – **Barbara and Herman Cone**, Philanthropic Leaders

2002 – **Cynthia Doyle**, Community Leader and Volunteer; Community Foundation of Greensboro; The Greensboro Children's Museum

2001 – **Phillip Kirk**, President, North Carolina Citizens for Business & Industry

2000 – **Ashley Ormond Thrift**, Attorney, North Carolina Partnership for Children (Smart Start)

1999 – **Betty Rae McCain**, Secretary, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources