Discussion Item

UAC-4 Distinguished Service Awards
  4.1 Distinguished Service Awards Previous Recipients
  4.2 Criteria and Timeline

Background Information

Committee Chair Margaret Benjamin and Meagan Jones, Senior Director of Philanthropic Engagement, will discuss Distinguished Service awards, criteria, timeline, and the nomination process.

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Distinguished Service Awards

Award Guidelines:

- Nominations must be thoroughly documented by submitting the online form. Nominations may include letters of recommendation and supplemental materials.
- No more than one McIver Award and one Holderness/Weaver Award is presented in one year, and the awards are not required to be presented in any given year.
- Nominations are valid for one awards cycle. If the Awards Committee wishes to reconsider a nominee for longer than one awards cycle, the nominator will be notified by the Vice Chancellor for University Advancement.
- The Awards Committee has the authority to move candidates between categories if they feel the applicant more closely aligns with the other award.

The following restrictions apply to all nominees:

- A nominee cannot have been a University student within the past five (5) years;
- A nominee cannot have been a University employee within the past five (5) years;
- A nominee cannot be a current member of the University Board of Trustees, or have been a member of the Board of Trustees within the past three (3) years;
- A nominee cannot currently hold public office nor be a candidate for public office; and
- A nominee cannot be receiving any monetary compensation from the University or its affiliates during the nomination process.

2024 Distinguished Awards timeline:

- **August 14, 2023**: The Office of University Advancement will issue a public call for nominations through email.
- Around Labor Day: The Office of University Advancement will remind the public about the call for nominations.
- **September 14**: Nominations must be received in the Office of University Advancement by end of day.
- **After September 15**: Nominations shared with the Awards Committee, and convenes the awards committee where the candidates are discussed and recommendations are made.
- **October 10 and October 12**: The Awards Committee shares its recommendations to the Board of Trustees for their consideration and approval.
- End of Calendar Year: No later than end of calendar year, the designated committee member or Vice Chancellor for Advancement notifies the awards recipients.
- Awards to be presented at the Distinguished Service Awards event in the spring.
Established in April 1983, the Charles Duncan McIver Award recognizes North Carolinians who have rendered unusually distinguished public service to the state or beyond. This award, in the form of a medal bearing the likeness of Charles Duncan McIver, will be known as the “McIver Medal” in honor of the University’s founder.
McIver Medal recipients:
2020 – Kay Hagan, U.S. Senator (awarded posthumously)
2018 – Luther H. Hodges, Jr., Philanthropic Leader and retired banker
2017 – Joseph M. Bryan, Jr., Philanthropist and Community Leader
2016 – Tom Ross, Former UNC System president
2015 – Fred Chappell, Poet Laureate of North Carolina
2014 – Kathy E. Manning, community advocate
2013 – Maggie Jeffus, ’70 MEd, N.C. Representative
2012 – Martha Hendrix Kaley ’80 MEd
2011 – Sue Woodall Cole, Business Leader
2010 – Stanley & Doris Tanger, Philanthropic Leaders
2009 – Ann Goodnight, Philanthropic and Volunteer Leader
2007 – James B. Hunt, Governor, North Carolina
2006 – Hugh M. Morton, Conservationist and Preservationist
2005 – E. S. “Jim” Melvin, President, The Bryan Foundation
2004 – Don Cameron, President, Guilford Technical Community College
2002 – Dennis Barry, President & CEO, Moses Cone Medical System
2001 – Charles Hamner, President & CEO, North Carolina Biotechnology Center
2000 – Thomas W. Lambeth, Executive Director, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation
1999 – Gerhardt Zimmerman, Maestro, North Carolina Symphony
1998 – John Hope Franklin, Professor, Duke University
1997 – Terry Sanford, Governor and Senator, North Carolina
1996 – Barton A. Parks, Professor of Justice and Policy, Guilford College
1995 – C. Stewart Rogers, Healthserve Medical Center; Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro
1992 – William C. Friday, President, The University of North Carolina System
1991 – L. Richardson Preyer, Congressman, United States Congress
1989 – Bland W. Worley, Board Chairman, Barclays American Corporation
1988 – Martha K. Sharpless, Chief of Pediatric Teaching Service, Moses Cone Hospital
1987 – Archie K. Davis, Board Chairman, Wachovia Corporation
1986 – Henry E. Frye, Chief Justice, North Carolina Supreme Court
1985 – Susie Marshall Sharpe, Chief Justice, North Carolina Supreme Court

Holderness/Weaver Award:
The Holderness/Weaver Award is for recognition of North Carolinians who have rendered unusually distinguished public service to Greensboro or the Triad.

Holderness/Weaver Award recipients:
2023 – Dabney H. Sanders and H. Walker Sanders, Community Leaders and Volunteers
2020 – Dr. Antonia Monk Richburg ’87, ’00 MPA, VP & Senior Program Officer for Cone Health Foundation
2018 – Sarah Cole Jordan ’56, Community Leader, Volunteer, Child Advocate
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. ’72 MEd and 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
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 & 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