



University Advancement Committee  
Tuesday, August 15, 2023  
12:00 pm

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### **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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beth Fischer".

Beth Fischer  
Vice Chancellor for University Advancement



## 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.

### **Charles Duncan McIver Award:**

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  
1994 – Jack F. Matlock, Jr., Ambassador, US Foreign Service  
1992 – William C. Friday, President, The University of North Carolina System  
1991 – L. Richardson Preyer, Congressman, United States Congress  
1990 – Robert Byrd Jordan III, Lieutenant Governor, North Carolina  
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

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. '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