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Northern Illinois University *2017 Alumni Association Awards*

The Distinguished Alumni Award

The most prestigious award given by the NIU Alumni Association, the Distinguished Alumni Award, is given to a member of NIU's alumni body regardless of the college he or she graduated from, who has achieved outstanding success or recognition. The selection committee particularly looks for individuals who have achieved national, regional, or statewide prominence either in their professional fields or through their involvement in civic, cultural, or charitable activities.

The Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award has been awarded to a worthy alumnus every year since 1964. Recipients have been men and women who have excelled in their respective fields of science, business, education, the arts, philanthropy, health, technology, social services, law, engineering, and other innumerable scholarly endeavors. The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes distinct and extraordinary accomplishments with identifiable impacts not only in a specific field of study or career path, but also in the advancement and support of Northern Illinois University. This award is intended to recognize longevity and consistency over one's professional career and to acknowledge men and women, who rise to challenges, achieve success, and continually strive for accomplishment with societal or educational value.

F.R. Geigle Service Award

This award is given to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding service and commitment to the best interests of Northern Illinois University. This service may have been given in the classroom, in other university activities, or in the wider community. This award may be given to a non-alumnus of Northern.

In 1951, Francis R. Geigle joined the Northern Illinois University faculty as head of a newly created Business Education Department. A recognized leader in teaching, research, and public service, Francis R. Geigle played a major role in the growth of a small state teacher's college into a large university. During his twenty-three years at NIU, Geigle held the following positions: Head of the Department of Business Education; Administrative Assistant to the President; Executive Vice President and Professor of Business Education; Executive Vice President and Provost; Acting President of Illinois State University; Coordinator of Executive Activities in the College of Business; and Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations. He also served on several committees including the University Council, the Presidential Staff, the Athletic Board, the Campus Internal Affairs Committee, the Faculty Handbook Committee, the Graduate Council, the Committee on Committee Personnel, and the Computer Services Advisory Committee. The author of countless articles and reports, Geigle received numerous awards, including the highest awards given by Phi Delta Kappa professional fraternity, the NIU Alumni Association's Outstanding Service Award, and the NIU College of Business Senate Awards. The NIU Alumni Association's F.R. Geigle Service Award is named after Francis R. Geigle to honor his outstanding accomplishments and exemplary service to the university.

Outstanding College Alumni Awards

Seven Outstanding College Alumni are chosen annually to represent the university's seven colleges, highlighting the diverse disciplines of a comprehensive university. The criteria for the award are outstanding professional accomplishments and civic, cultural, and charitable involvement.

Outstanding Young Alumni Award

This award will be given to an alumnus, regardless of college affiliation, who has received his or her undergraduate degree from Northern Illinois University within the past 10 years and has shown outstanding promise and success in his or her professional career.

The deadline for nominations is **December 12, 2016**. You may nominate more than one person for each award. **Supporting data (current resume, vita, press release, news clips, etc.) on your nominee is required.**

The Alumni Awards Program will be held April 21, 2017, at the Barsema Alumni and Visitors Center at the NIU campus.

Thank you for your interest in the Alumni Association's Award program. Should you have any questions, please contact the Alumni Association office at (815) 753-1452.

Alumni Association Awards Nomination Form

I/we nominate the following individual for a 2017 Alumni Association Award:

___ Distinguished Alumni Award ___ F.R. Geigle Service Award
___ Outstanding College Alumni Award ___ Outstanding Young Alumni Award

If the Awards Committee deems the candidate worthy, my candidate may be chosen for an award other than the one selected above ___ YES ___ NO

Nominee's Name E-mail

Nominee's College/Department Class Year

Nominee's Current Address City State Zip

Nominee's Home Telephone Number Nominee's Work Number

Nominated By College/Department

Nominator's Address City State Zip

Nominator's phone number **and** e-mail address

Other sources of supporting information about this nominee (include phone numbers)

Include a letter describing the nominee's qualifications for the award, as much supporting documentation as possible, AND a current resume or vita.

Please provide all information by e-mail to alums@niu.edu AND return hard copy no later than December 12, 2016 to:

Awards Committee
NIU Alumni Association
Barsema Alumni & Visitors Center
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Please note that all nominations will be kept on file for three years if not selected. If you have any questions, please contact the NIU Alumni Association office at (815) 753-1452.