

## MINNEHAHA ACADEMY ALUMNI AWARDS

In 1986 the Resource Development Committee of the Minnehaha Academy Board of Education recommended the conferral of honorary alumni awards on graduates demonstrating outstanding achievement. This annual award is given to recognize alumni who exemplify Christian faith, leadership and service which positively impacts local, national and/or global communities, demonstrates outstanding achievement in a chosen field of endeavor, and has made a significant contribution of time, talent or treasure to Minnehaha Academy.

In the Fall of 2000, a Distinguished Alumni Service Award was introduced and in the Fall of 2007 a Young Alumni Service Award was introduced. In 2011, the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Distinguished Alumni Service Award were combined into a single award.

The Distinguished Alumni Award and the Young Alumni Service Award are presented each year by the Head of School during the Founders Day/Homecoming celebration. Below is a historical listing of award recipients.

| Academic Year | Recipient  | Class Year | Distinguished Alumni Award | Distinguished Alumni Service Award | Young Alumni Service Award | Hall of Fame - Athletics | Hall of Fame – Fine Arts |
|---------------|--|------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1986/87       | C. Donald Peterson (Judge)                         | 1935       | ✓                          |                                    |                            |                          |                          |
| 1987/88       | Philip Brunelle (Music)                            | 1961       | ✓                          |                                    |                            |                          |                          |
| 1988/89       | Jean Hammink (Literacy)                            | 1967       | ✓                          |                                    |                            |                          |                          |
| 1989/90       | Albin Erickson (Educator/Statesman)                | 1928       | ✓                          |                                    |                            |                          |                          |
| 1990/91       | <i>No Award Given</i>                              |            |                            |                                    |                            |                          |                          |
| 1991/1992     | Reynold B. Johnson (Technology)                    | 1925       | ✓                          |                                    |                            |                          |                          |
| 1992/93       | Theodore W. Anderson, Jr. (Mathematics/Statistics) | 1935       | ✓                          |                                    |                            |                          |                          |
| 1993/94       | Craig W. Nelson (MA President/Clergy)              | 1949       | ✓                          |                                    |                            |                          |                          |
| 1994/95       | Mark W. Nelson (Businessman)                       | 1954       | ✓                          |                                    |                            |                          |                          |
| 1995/96       | Kenneth S. Larson (Businessman)                    | 1960       | ✓                          |                                    |                            |                          |                          |
| 1996/97       | Naomi Reed Rhode (Professional Speaker)            | 1956       | ✓                          |                                    |                            |                          |                          |
| 1997/98       | Harry W. Mixer (Radiologist)                       | 1937       | ✓                          |                                    |                            |                          |                          |
| 1998/99       | Walter Youngquist (Geologist)                      | 1939       | ✓                          |                                    |                            |                          |                          |
| 1999/2000     | Dr. Charles W. Niessen (Scientist)                 | 1958       | ✓                          |                                    |                            |                          |                          |
|               | Allen E. Law                                       | 1962       |                            | ✓                                  |                            |                          |                          |
| 2000/01       | Roger and Gail Dvorak (Hospital Administrator)     | 1952       | ✓                          |                                    |                            |                          |                          |
|               | David L. Swanson                                   | 1943       |                            | ✓                                  |                            |                          |                          |
| 2001/02       | Reynold Anderson (Engineer)                        | 1948       | ✓                          |                                    |                            |                          |                          |

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|----------------|---|------|---|---|---|--|--|
|                | Robert D. Olson                                   | 1965 |   | ✓   |   |  |  |
| <b>2002/03</b> | Howard C. Hawkins (Businessman)                   | 1950 | ✓ |   |   |  |  |
|                | Gary and Mary Gardeen                             | 1968 |   | ✓   |   |  |  |
| <b>2003/04</b> | Bruce A. LeVahn (Businessman)                     | 1950 | ✓ |   |   |  |  |
|                | William "Bill" S. Starr (Young Life)              | 1943 |   | ✓   |   |  |  |
| <b>2004/05</b> | Linda (Paulson) Wicklund (Ukraine Mission work)   | 1964 | ✓ |   |   |  |  |
|                | Dr. Joseph Friberg (Physician)                    | 1933 |   | ✓   |   |  |  |
| <b>2005/06</b> | Dr. Charles Crutchfield (Dermatologist)           | 1978 | ✓ |   |   |  |  |
|                | James Baxter                                      | 1950 |   | ✓   |   |  |  |
| <b>2006/07</b> | Carol Sundet-Meeker (Philanthropist)              | 1980 | ✓ |   |   |  |  |
|                | Dr. Lareau Lindquist                              | 1954 |   | ✓   |   |  |  |
|                | Daniel Olson (Educator)                           | 1996 |   |   | ✓   |  |  |
| <b>2007/08</b> | Mark Swenson (Architect)                          | 1967 | ✓ |   |   |  |  |
|                | Rev. Mark Hansen                                  | 1964 |   | ✓   |   |  |  |
|                | Jason Benedict                                    | 1996 |   |   | ✓   |  |  |
| <b>2008/09</b> | David Adolfson (Developer)                        | 1955 | ✓ |   |   |  |  |
|                | Dee Long  | 1957 |   | ✓   |   |  |  |
|                | Kelly Thoos                                       | 2005 |   |   | ✓   |  |  |
| <b>2009/10</b> | Rev. Paul Swanson (Educator/Theologian)           | 1951 | ✓ |   |   |  |  |
|                |   |      |   | <b>Combined w/ Distinguished Alumni Award</b> |   |  |  |
| <b>2010/11</b> | No Award Given                                    |      |   |   |   |  |  |
|                |   |      |   |   | <b>Name Changed to Up &amp; Coming Alumni Award</b> |  |  |
| <b>2011/12</b> | Stanley Anderson (Nuclear Submarine)              | 1945 | ✓ |   |   |  |  |
|                | Rev. Paul Youngdahl (Clergy – given posthumously) | 1955 | ✓ |   |   |  |  |

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|----------------|---|---------|---|--|---|---|---|
|                | Patrick Weldon (CIA)                              | 1991    |   |  | ✓ |   |   |
|                | Boys Basketball Team                              | 1925    |   |  |   | ✓ |   |
|                | Girls Basketball Team                             | 1923    |   |  |   | ✓ |   |
| <b>2012/13</b> | Elwood (Woody) Larson (created Hospitality House) | 1947    | ✓ |  |   |   |   |
|                | Ellen (Higginbotham) Ruiters (created Africa Jam) | 1993    |   |  | ✓ |   |   |
|                | Kathryn Detlefsen – Girls Golf 2007               | 2007    |   |  |   | ✓ |   |
|                | Boys Hockey                                       | 1950    |   |  |   | ✓ |   |
|                | Football  | 1959    |   |  |   | ✓ |   |
|                | Boys Golf   | 1960    |   |  |   | ✓ |   |
|                | Boys Tennis                                       | 1986    |   |  |   | ✓ |   |
|                | Girls Soccer                                      | 1998    |   |  |   | ✓ |   |
|                | James Baxter                                      | 1950    |   |  |   | ✓ |   |
| <b>2013/14</b> | Bruce Johnson                                     | 1963    | ✓ |  |   |   |   |
|                | Bruce Swedien                                     | 1951    | ✓ |  |   |   |   |
|                | Wesley Bodin                                      | 1951    | ✓ |  |   |   |   |
|                | Elizabeth Galik                                   | 2000    |   |  | ✓ |   |   |
|                | Philip Brunelle                                   | 1961    |   |  |   |   | ✓ |
|                | David Glenn                                       | faculty |   |  |   | ✓ |   |
|                | Guido Kauls                                       | faculty |   |  |   | ✓ |   |
| <b>2014/15</b> | Nancy Kayoum Close                                | 1978    | ✓ |  |   |   |   |
|                | James Barnett                                     | 2004    |   |  | ✓ |   |   |
|                | Mary Carlson                                      | faculty |   |  |   | ✓ |   |
|                | Jon Rick Olson                                    | 1963    |   |  |   | ✓ |   |
|                | Fredrick Hartwig                                  | 1979    |   |  |   | ✓ |   |
|                | John Borstad                                      | 1983    |   |  |   | ✓ |   |
|                | 1995/96 Boys Basketball Team                      |         |   |  |   | ✓ |   |
|                | Richard Allison Flegle                            | 1968    |   |  |   |   | ✓ |
| <b>2015/16</b> | Alan Abramson                                     | 1965    | ✓ |  |   |   |   |
|                | Lars-Erik Leafblad                                | 1995    |   |  | ✓ |   |   |
|                | Julia (Albinson) Scholl                           | 1982    |   |  |   | ✓ |   |
|                | Charles Mikkelson                                 | 1961    |   |  |   | ✓ |   |
|                | 2009/10 Girls Basketball Team                     |         |   |  |   | ✓ |   |
|                | Paul Isaacs                                       | faculty |   |  |   |   | ✓ |
| <b>2016/17</b> | Bjorn Dybdahl                                     | 1961    | ✓ |  |   |   |   |
|                | Rob Williams                                      | 2003    |   |  | ✓ |   |   |
|                | Wayne Holte                                       | 1949    |   |  |   | ✓ |   |



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