



**Announcing the 2024 West Alumni Award Recipient:
Thomas Theodore Loder '76**

April 22, 2024 - The Susan Quillen West '49 and David A. West '49 Alumni Award, established in 1999 by their children, is presented each year to Germantown Friends School alumni who, over the course of several decades, have demonstrated extraordinary dedication and service to our school.

GFS is delighted to announce that the 2024 West Alumni Award recipient will be Thomas Theodore Loder '76. For Tom, GFS was a nurturing environment full of devoted and creative role models, thoughtful inquiry, and idealistic striving. As a student, he spent equal time immersed in academics and athletics. He has continued to serve the GFS community in myriad ways ever since.

Since the early 90s, Tom has been a class agent for the Class of '76 and has committed his energies to class reunion organizing and fundraising for the Community Basketball and Enrichment program. He is currently a member of the GFS *Picture This* Campaign Committee, a 45-year member of the Blue & White Society, and a longtime supporter of the Community Scholars Program. Tom and his wife Amina (who is also deeply involved at GFS) are the proud parents of two GFS graduates, Aaron Loder '18 and Danny Loder '20.

Tom's community involvement stretches beyond the walls of GFS; he notes that the GFS focus on embracing the city has "influenced and played out over and over in my life."

We lost our dear friends David and Susan West within months of one another this past year, and we will miss them dearly as we gather for this occasion. We know that one way we can honor their extraordinary legacy is to continue to recognize those who are demonstrating care and stewardship of the school they believed in so deeply.

Please join us in recognizing and celebrating Tom Loder's dedication to the GFS community during this year's Alumni Weekend. He will be presented with the 2024 West Alumni Award on Saturday, May 18, at 11:15 a.m. during the All-Alumni Gathering in the Meetinghouse, following Meeting for Worship.

Past Recipients of the West Alumni Award

1999	David A. West '49 & Susan Quillen West '49
2000	Jonathan E. Rhoads '24 & Katharine Evans Rhoads '34
2001	Stephen Cary '33
2002	Arthur Clark '35 & Mary Bennet Clark '34
2003	J. Morris Evans '39 & Anne Tall Evans '39
2004	David Mallery '41 & Judith Chappell Mallery '52
2005	Virginia Price Childs '40 & John N. Childs, Jr. '40
2006	Alfred "Ted" Wolf '47
2007	David S. Loeb, Jr. '51
2008	Emily Hargroves Fisher '53
2009	Joseph M. Evans '64
2010	Nancy Rhoads '50
2011	Mary-Ellen "Polly" Campbell '44 & Esther Leeds Cooperman '44
2012	Nancy L. Webster '36 & Maurice A. Webster '35
2013	Sally West Williams '72 & Andy Williams '72
2014	Joan Cannady Countryman '58
2015	Ken Hellendall '73 & Rebecca "Becky" Warner Johnson '70
2016	David Feldman '76
2017	Mary Clay Platt Lee '48 & Joseph S. Staples '49
2018	Helen Mitchell Eigabroadt '63 & Denny Heck '63
2019	Carol Baldwin Moody '74
2020	Mark DiNardo '80 & John Relman '75
2021	Carla Childs '66, Marie Golson '77 & Jack Rhoads '56
2022	David Loder '72 & Sandy Baur Bixby '72
2023	Hardin Coleman '71