

PREVIOUS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS/A AWARD RECIPIENTS

- 1960 Clarence Stasavich †
Athletics
- 1961 Dr. Karl C. Garrison †
Teacher & Author
- 1962 W.K. Mauney, Sr. †
Industrialist
- 1963 Maud Powlas †
Missionary
- 1964 Dr. Karl Z. Morgan †
Physicist
- 1965 Robert L. Clemmer †
Architect
- 1966 Dr. Voigt R. Cromer †
Higher Education
- 1967 Judge James C. Farthing †
Law
- 1968 Dr. Dorothy Norman Glenn †
Medicine
- 1969 Capt. Ernest Lineberger, Jr. †
Navy Chaplain
- 1970 Dr. William F. Little †
Science
- 1971 Martha Hines Morehead †
English Educator
- 1972 Dr. L. David Miller †
Educator
- 1973 Dr. William H. Moretz †
Medicine
- 1974 Frank van der Linden †
Journalist
- 1975 Ozell Kiser Freeman †
Teacher & Author
- 1976 Dr. Arvo B. Ederma
Public Health
- 1977 The Rev. Jean Bozeman
Church Ministry
- 1978 Thomas S. Golden †
Science & Technology
- 1979 Elwood L. 'Buck' Perry †
Manufacturing/Marketing
- 1980 Dr. Carl S. Blyth †
Sports Medicine
- 1981 Dr. Jacob F. Blackburn
Computer Science
- 1982 Frances Kipps Spencer
Religious Art
- 1983 Dr. Carroll G. Temple †
Cancer Research
- 1984 Ralph E. Taylor †
U.S. Space Program
- 1985 Ruth Elizabeth Sigmon †
Missionary
- 1986 Marion W. Kirby
High School Education
- 1987 Dr. Hubert V. Park †
Higher Education
- 1988 Dr. David M. Denton †
Deaf Education

1989 Zeb E. Barnhardt †
Lay Church Administration

1990 Carroll Lee Sain †
Banking

1991 The Rev. Dr. Edgar R. Trexler
Journalism

1992 Thomas W. Reese †
Printing/Conservation

1993 Dr. Raymond M. Bost
Higher Education

1994 Dr. Paul E. Lutz †
Ecology

1995 Dr. Bettie Moretz Smolansky
Sociology

1996 Wilbert W. Seabock
Banking

1997 Richard D. Barnes
College Basketball Coach

1998 Dr. Catherine Tuttle Harris
Sociology

1999 Dr. Louis F. Rossiter
Economics

2000 Dr. John E. Roueche
Higher Education/Research

2001 Dr. David M. Dennis, CPA
Accounting Education

2002 Judy Kluttz Sink
Science Education

2003 Col. Fred T. Brown, Jr.
Healthcare Administration

2004 Dr. Terry K. Satterwhite
Medicine

2005 The Rev. Dr. Carl M. Fisher, Sr.
International Church Leader

2006 Judy Johnson
Medical Research

2007 Dr. David E. Shulenburger
Higher Education

2008 Michael Olson
Business Management
Rick Humphrey
PR & Marketing

2009 The Rev. Dr. Gerald Troutman †
Religious Service Leader

2010 Luther Boliek
Banking

2011 Dr. Grace Chin
Pharmaceutical Research

2012 Ted Goins, Jr.
Services for the Aging
Barry Hastings †
Financial Industry

2013 Bill Stevenson
Department of Defense

2014 Perry Fewell
Professional Football Coach

2015 Burgess Jenkins
Professional Actor

2016 Boyd Wilson
Certified Public Accountant

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- 2018 Lanier Cansler
Government
- 2019 Tony Underwood
Law Enforcement
- 2020 Steven "Steve" Carter
Anesthesiologist

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- 2022 Jonathan Ernst '93
Photo Journalist
- 2023 Howard Lutz '53
Pharmacist and Veteran
- 2024 Marvin Pope, Jr. '70
Judge
- 2025 Martha Mitchell Funnell '71
Diabetic Research
- 2026 Fred A. Zayas '86
Aerospace Engineering

OPAL L. MORETZ ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

- 1960 The Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Philip Wahlberg
- 1961 Dr. Glenn R. Frye †
ULC Women
- 1962 L. Klynt Ripple †
Hickory Kiwanis Club
- 1963 Dr. B.W. Goodman †
Glenn E. Ketner, Sr. †
- 1964 Lewis B. Carpenter †
Albert M. Allran †
Donald W. Bumgarner †
- 1965 Citizens of Hickory
- 1966 N.C. Synod, ELCA
Piedmont Educational Foundation
- 1967 Elizabeth College Alumnae
- 1968 Wallace Jorgenson †
St. Andrew's Luth. Church
Jack Johnson †
- 1969 Lenoir-Rhyne SGA
Dr. Ira E. Bell †
Clyde A. Farris, Jr. †
Dr. Glenn R. Frye †
Dr. L.C. Gifford †
Charles E. Kepley †
William J. Leath †
George H. Mauney †
William K. Mauney, Jr. †
O. Leonard Moretz †
- 1970 Loyalty Fund Class Agents
Alumni Day Chairs
Mrs. Don Stafford †
Mrs. Frank Barger †
Mrs. William Daughtrey
Mrs. Richard Boyd
Mrs. Robert Triplett
Mrs. Allan LaTorre
Mrs. Harrison Williams
- 1971 No Award

1972 O. Leonard Moretz †
 James O. Rice, Jr.
 David R. Mauney, Jr. †

1973 The Rev. Dr. Albert H. Keck, Jr. †

1974 James E. Phillips †
 Robert R. Rhyne, Sr. †

1975 Catawba County Media
 Dr. George F. Schott †

1976 Jesse C. Sigmon, Jr. †
 Charles M. Snipes

1977 Peggy Whitener Goodman †
 N.C. ELCA Congregations
 David W. Hoyle

1978 Elsie Black Deaton †
 Greater Catawba Valley & Alumni Campaign

1979 Dr. B.W. Goodman †
 Opal Ledford Moretz †

1980 Pat Hall Mabe

1981 The Rev. Paul L. Conrad †
 Dr. Robin F. Gatwood, Sr.
 L. Klynt Ripple †

1982 H. Ned Armstrong †
 Dr. Marcus C. Smith
 Conrad B. Wessell †

1983 Margaret Adeline Deal †
 Harry S. Livengood †

1984 David L. Sparks
 Paul Severn Allen †

1985 LR Sign Troupe
 Lineberger Foundation

1986 Kenneth Lee Ferguson
 Mary Elizabeth Leach †
 Arthur G. Sutherland, Jr. †

1987 Jeffrey Paul Greer
 Clara Belle Bowman †

1988 Catherine Bowden Norris
 Steve Monroe Shuford
 Class of 1962

1989 The Rev. Gene Bruce
 Bruce Blackburn
 LR Faculty & Staff
 George Blackwelder
 Dr. Rufus Moretz

1990 Harley F. Shuford, Sr. †
 Luther A. Adams †
 Madeleine Smith Dassow

1991 Mabel Patterson Brown
 Dr. Robin F. Gatwood, Sr. †
 Clarence L. Pugh, Sr.
 Jeff L. Norris, Sr. †
 Dr. Ellis G. Boatmon †

1992 Dorothy C. Armstrong †
 Madge & Lloyd Little †
 NC ELCA Congregations

1993 Bill Bass †
 Odell Moose
 George Murphy †

Nancy Skinner
 Glenn C. Hilton, Jr. †
 1994 Alice L. Trainer
 Betty C. Blackburn
 1995 Pat Holden
 Claud T. Miller †
 1996 Charles M. Snipes
 Sandra R. Cline
 William H. Wood
 1997 Professor Ray Strunk †
 Andrea Triplette Benfield
 Julie Kettner Huffman
 1998 Robert Miller
 Lester C. Coonse, Jr.
 The Rev. Dr. Russell Boggs †
 1999 Dr. Ki-Hyun Chun
 Dr. Robert L. Spuller
 Jeff L. Norris, Sr. †
 2000 Sharon Logan Kelly
 Thomas E. Deal
 2001 Alfred C. Current III
 Dr. Neel Bronnenberg †
 The Rev. † & Mrs. J.L. Peeler
 2002 Doug & Patricia † Sanders
 George Schaaf
 2003 C. Harry Huss
 Allan LaTorre †
 Nellie Pruitt
 2004 Ann Dasher Hendrix
 W. Stine Isenhower
 2005 Michelle Ehrhardt McCarl
 Steve & Sandra Eades
 2006 The Rev. Ron Wilkins †
 Jeff Jones
 Rosalie Richards
 2007 The Rev. Dr. Paulwyn Boliek
 Bob & Maureen Tull
 2008 The Rev. Dr. Robert Allen
 Frances Goins
 Michael Arning
 2009 Wilbert Seabock
 Col. Fred T. Brown, Jr.
 Bruce Blackburn
 2010 Tony & Margaret Jackson
 Joan Whitener Andrews
 John Moretz
 2011 Boyd & Anita F. Wilson
 Dr. Bill Shuford †
 2012 Barbara Dugan
 Wilton Scronce
 Preston Van Deursen
 Glenn Morrison
 Alfred Current III
 Bo Starnes
 2013 Cheryl Sigmon Abee
 Ed & Polly Byrd
 Robert McIver
 2014 Robert Mercatante
 Jearld Leonhardt
 Michael Ervin
 2015 Dr. Robert & Kate Esch
 J.C. Epting

2016 Loyd Hoke
Colleen Anderson
Janie Peak
Miriam Davis

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Jack Huss
Jade Cobb Murray
2019 Katherine McKenzie
Eddie Lee Beard Jr.
Steve Richter
2020 Amy Ogle
David Hensley
Todd Burwell

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2022 Kay Bowman Schmucker '64
Palmer Clemmer '74 and Cynthia Long Clemmer '73
Amy Lyster Floyd '91
2023 Jeremy E. Fisher '88
Luis Velez '01
Janet Sanders Mitchell '72
2024 Margaret A. Pope '69
Stephanie Jordan Mayberry '82
Julie Davis Pearce '94
2025 Barbara Klein '81
Dr. Charles Cooke '59
John Love '81
2026 Dr. Juan Esteban Rameriz '07
The Rev. Harry Andrews '71
Melanie Smith Sigmon '84

RISEING STAR YOUNG ALUMNUS/A AWARD

2000 H. Dean Cline, Jr. '90
2001 James O. Treadaway '92
2002 Jonathan M. Ernst '93
2003 Dr. Sharon L. Gavin '89
2004 Dewyone A. "Pedie" King '97
2005 Heavenly Williams Littleton '90
2006 Amy Sink '92
2007 Dr. Andrew J. Haputa '96
2008 Michael Arning '94
2009 Dr. Jeremy Miles '98
2010 D. Neil Myers '97
2011 Lisa Gonzalez Suggs '00
2012 Thomas Segura '01
2013 The Rev. Andrew Taylor-Troutman '03
2014 Bradley Icard '09
2015 Billy Pitman '11
2016 Anthony Laxton '13

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2018 Stephanie Delgado '07
2019 Seven D. Corriveau '10
2020 Zac O'Brien '09

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2022 Aroon Khatter '12
2023 Alexis Davenport Abernathy '13
2024 Dr. Christopher Wilson '11
2025 Think Troung '17
2026 Virginia Hinzman Cabrera '19