

University of Northern Colorado
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Maw-Fa Chien

is president of National Taichung Teachers College. "This is one of the colleges with which UNC has signed exchange agreements, and Dr. Chien represents the University of Northern Colorado with distinction in Taiwan," says I. David Welch, professor of counseling psychology, who nominated Chien along with Allen Huang, director of special education.

Like Welch, Huang cites Chien for his loyalty to UNC and academic accomplishments.

"Dr. Chien is a successful scholar with many significant contributions to the development of quality teacher training programs in Taiwan, the Republic of China, through his outstanding teaching practice and numerous publications in his expertise areas," Huang says. "Due to his accomplishments, Dr. Chien has been recognized as a professional leader in Taiwan."

Before assuming the presidency of National Taichung Teachers College, Chien served as a professor of educational psychology and dean of graduate studies at Taiwan Normal University.



James Shigeo Alegre

is an athletic director, coach and teacher at Hawaii's Radford High School.

"His former students and players consider him a mentor, a role model, 'a player's coach,' and someone instrumental in the forming of young people's lives. His colleagues and peers consider him to be the 'Dean of Coaches,' a great teacher and an inspiring individual," wrote a group who nominated Alegre for the Superior Accomplishment and Exceptional Achievement Award for the state of Hawaii Department of Education this year.

They continue, "As an athletic director, his dedication and commitment result in an athletic program that is one of the best in the state. Setting the direction and leadership for 60 coaches, providing the coordination and organization for 32 sports, and even personally maintaining the athletic complex facilities, Mr. Alegre has established a standard of excellence for all schools."

As basketball coach, Alegre has guided his teams to four state championships and numerous division titles. His honors include League Coach of the Year, Division Coach of the Year, Exemplary Leadership Award, Hawaii Medical Association Recognition Award, Hawaii Interscholastic Athletic Directors Association Coach's Award, State Coach of the Year, and selection for the Oahu Interscholastic Association Hall of Honor.



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HONORED ALUMNI

James Shigeo Alegre
(BA-1959)

Honolulu, Hawaii

Outstanding Educator
Award

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Maw-Fa Chien
(EdD-1973)

Taiwan, Republic of China
International Award

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Ralph Willis Levy
(BA-1948, MA-1949)

Pueblo, Colorado
Columbine Award

Christine Louise Lucero
(BS-1981)

Denver, Colorado

Inspiration to Youth Award

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Carol Schneider Mutter
(BA-1967)

Okinawa, Japan

Trail Blazer Award

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Barbara Ennis Pigford
(BA-1953)

Colorado Springs, Colorado
Outstanding Educator
Award

PROGRAM

Welcome

Kent Glassman, President - Alumni Association

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Invocation

Harden Dorward, Chairman - Fifty-Year Club

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Dinner

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Introductions

Bryan Stuart, Executive Director - Alumni Association

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Entertainment

"Exact Change" Vocal Jazz Ensemble

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Student Welcome

Heather Potter, President - Student Representative Council

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Award Presentations

Herman Luján, President

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Closing Remarks

Kent Glassman

Carol Schneider Mutter

a brigadier general in the Marine Corps, was commissioned a second lieutenant when she graduated from UNC. Since then, her military career has taken off – she is now Commanding General of the Third Force Service Support Group in Okinawa, Japan.

According to the Marine Corps, “She is currently the senior woman and the only female general officer on active duty in the Marine Corps. (There have been only two other women Marine generals.) She is also the first and only woman flag/general officer in any of the U.S. military services to be in charge of a tactical/operational command.

“Early in her career, she was assigned to work in the computer field; she later moved into financial management. Capitalizing on her expertise in both fields, she was the program manager for the development of a new, multi-million dollar pay and personnel system for active, reserve and retired Marines.

“She has been the Marine Corps representative to NATO for command and control systems, the comptroller for two large Marine combat organizations responsible for budgets in excess of \$40 million annually, and the first and only woman in any service to be a crew commander for the commander in chief of U.S. Space Command’s Command Center in Colorado Springs.”



Christine Louise Lucero

has demonstrated a dedication to youth - both on and off the job.

"She began her full-time career with the City and County of Denver Parks and Recreation Department in 1983, when she was hired for a leadership position at St. Charles Youth Center," said Deborah Ross, a Denver official and UNC alumna who nominated Lucero.

"Chris was the first female ever to accept a position on staff. Her job was to make the young girls in the community feel welcome and get them involved. So, she immediately set out to lure kids off the street and immerse them in constructive activities," she says.

"Currently, she works at the Berkeley Center where she programs youth activities with an emphasis in sports. Critical to the community are the responsive activities she provides to forestall gang uprising, which have become prevalent within the Denver metro area. Chris is taking her message into the middle and high schools to provide young people with healthy and constructive options for their free time."

Lucero not only taps human potential in the community, she also remains dedicated to a mentoring role in her private life. About four years ago, Lucero became the guardian of a young woman who is now attending college on a full-ride basketball scholarship.



Ralph Willis Levy

has earned recognition for service to the state of Colorado through extensive community involvement and a variety of accomplishments in the field of music.

A member of the Colorado Music Educators Hall of Fame, Levy has served as president of the Colorado Music Educators Association and the southwest division of the College Band Directors National Association. He has been a guest lecturer, clinician or musician throughout the Rocky Mountain region and in several countries. Among his extensive list of awards is the 1979 Honorary Distinguished Citizen Award, Municipality of Puebla, State of Puebla, Mexico.

Levy has been principal oboe for the Pueblo Symphony Orchestra, principal saxophone for the Pueblo Municipal Band, and band chairman for the Colorado State Fair.

He retired from the faculty of the University of Southern Colorado in 1981, and had served at Pueblo Junior College, Walsenburg Public Schools, and Portland, Ore., Public Schools. At USC, he earned the Distinguished Faculty Award and was recognized by the student government with the President's Award of Distinction.



Barbara Ennis Pigford

was an administrator of early childhood education for the Department of Instructional Services for Colorado Springs Public Schools. Before her retirement, she served in a variety of supervisory posts for the district in areas ranging from elementary curriculum to Right to Read.

Her awards include listings in *Who's Who in American Education* and *Who's Who Biographical Record, School District Officials*. Her extensive record of community service and professional achievements earned her the respect of colleagues like W. Keith Christy, who was assistant superintendent of Colorado Springs Public Schools when he wrote:

"Barbara demonstrates a sincere commitment to public education, not only for this district, but for the many state and national groups with which she is associated. Her work is nationally recognized, as shown by the many consultantships and advisory panels with which she has associated."

Since her retirement, she has contributed her efforts to Care Castle, an organization that trains seniors who want to volunteer in child care centers, and the Colorado Springs Assistance League, which clothed 1,500 school-age children in 1991, screened preschoolers for hearing deficiencies, and provided educational programs focusing on disabilities and drug abuse.

