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## **Welcome – John Newman**

President, Alumni Association

## **Remarks – Hank Brown**

President

## **Student Welcome – Derek Furukawa**

President, Student Representative Council

## **Invocation – Tom Barbour**

Assistant Athletic Director for Alumni Relations

## **Dinner**

## **Introductions – Georgette Vigil**

Executive Director, Alumni Association

## **Award Presentations – Idahlynn Karre**

Chair and Professor, Speech Communication

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# Lorraine "Lori" García Sadler



Lorraine "Lori" Garcia Sadler (BA-67), honored with the Trail Blazer Award, received a host of commendations during her 26-year career in the U.S. Marine Corps. Sadler, who was director of Marine Corps intelligence and a foreign liaison officer when she retired in 1992, earned honors that included the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and Defense Service Medal.

"Lori Sadler was the first Hispanic woman to hold the rank of colonel in any of the armed services," said nominator Frank Lakin of Greeley. "Lori is a great success story. What a privilege for UNC to have such a unique graduate who has been a real trail blazer."

Sadler, who earned a master's degree in business from the University of Central Michigan, is now a realtor. She is active in a variety of organizations in her community and has been a volunteer with the Lexington Downtown Development Association, United Way, Hospice, and the Rockbridge County Special Education Board.

Sadler was selected as one of the 1990 YWCA Tribute to Women and Industry honorees. The nationwide program recognizes women who have made outstanding contributions in executive, professional and managerial roles.

# Joseph Velardo



Joseph Velardo (AB-48), honored with the William R. Ross Award for Science, is a professor of anatomy and endocrinology at Loyola University of Chicago, and founder of the Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction. In addition to his UNC degree, he holds a master's degree from Miami University and a doctorate from Harvard.

Velardo was nominated by Robert Heinich of Colorado Springs. "He and I were World War II veterans in the class of 1948. Joe quickly distinguished himself as a scholar as well as an active participant in campus affairs," Heinich said.

"Joe is first and foremost a researcher. His academic appointments are all oriented to scholarly inquiry. His professional associations are all geared to research and the dissemination of research findings," Heinich said.

"Joe has been publishing his research efforts throughout his career. His list of publications, books, monographs, conference proceedings, and articles in scholarly journals, is most impressive. He has received two prestigious awards for his work, including an honorary citizenship from Brazil," Heinich said.

# Karel King Hill



Karel King Hill (BS-67), honored with the Alumni Volunteer of the Year Award, has a long-standing connection with the university. Her father, Dr. Ralph King, was a distinguished member of the Music faculty for many years. Karel began her association with UNC as a five year old, when she began attending classes at the Laboratory School. Karel earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Physical Education. She went on to a nearly 30-year career in education with schools in Fort Collins, Cherry Creek and Nebraska.

But no matter where she went, Hill retained a tie with the university. Past Alumni Association President Wes Sargent, Hill's nominator, said that "Karel has excelled and distinguished herself as few have in the service to her alma mater."

In 1989, she served as Larimer County co-chair for the university's Second Century Campaign. Hill was instrumental in starting the Northern Colorado Chapter of the Alumni Association, which maintains contact with thousands of alumni living and working in northern Colorado.

Hill joined the Alumni Association's Board of Directors in 1991. She served two terms on the board and chaired several committees. Even after leaving the board, she continued to volunteer for the Alumni Association.

"She is truly a jewel that shines its brilliance over the University of Northern Colorado," said Sargent.

# Jack Magruder



Jack Magruder (ED.D-1966), honored with the Administrative Achievement Award, is president of Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo., which has been cited as one of the best liberal arts undergraduate schools in the country by U.S. News & World Report and as one of the top college buys in the country by Money magazine.

Magruder not only has brought these attributes to Truman State, he also has promoted such qualities as president of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges, a consortium of institutions formed to ensure that students have the opportunity for a high-quality public liberal arts and sciences education at an affordable cost.

Magruder, who has numerous professional publications and presentations to his credit, rose through the ranks at Truman State. He joined the college in 1964 as a science professor and served as head of the Division of Science, acting dean of instruction, and vice president for academic affairs before becoming president.

He has an extensive track record of dedication to the field of education, including previous posts as president of the Science Teachers of Missouri and as vice president of the Kirksville R-III Board of Education. In addition to the UNC honor, he has been tapped as a Danforth Associate and recognized as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America and Outstanding Young Educators of America.

# Lowell Graham



Lowell Graham (BA-70, MA-71), honored with the Contribution to Music Award, is commander and conductor of the United States Air Force Band. He supervises and coordinates more than 2,200 performances each year, and has been a conductor and producer for 50 recordings with major ensembles.

Graham, who holds a master's in music performance and bachelor's in music education, was selected for UNC's Music Hall of Honor in 1996. He earned a doctorate from Catholic University of America, which presented him with the 1998 Outstanding Achievement Award in the Field of Music, and has done additional graduate work at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Graham was music director of a 1993 Grammy-winning recording and received the "Order of the Long Leaf Pine," North Carolina's highest award for artistic contribution and achievement. He has been cited in 149 mayoral and two gubernatorial proclamations.

In addition to conducting the USAF Band, Graham is founder, music director and conductor of the National Chamber Players. He was previously music director and conductor of the American Promenade Orchestra and founder, music director and conductor of the National Symphonic Winds.



# Freddie Litton



Freddie Litton (ED.D-73), honored with the Humanitarian Award, is dean of College of Education at Texas A&M University, Kingsville, Texas. Litton, who also earned a master's degree and bachelor's with honors from Northwestern State University, is a prolific writer and presenter.

He has served on the editorial board of the "Journal of Career Development for Exceptional Individuals". He has been editor of "Mental Retardation News" and served in many professional leadership roles, including president of the Arkansas Council for Exceptional Children.

Litton's professional activities also have included serving as a panel member for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services for the U.S. Department of Education, as a steering committee member for the Break-the-Mold Teacher Education Project at the University of Central Arkansas, and as a member of the Arkansas Commission of Accountability.

Before joining the University of Central Arkansas, Litton was a professor at the University of New Orleans, where he received the Outstanding Faculty Award for the College of Education. His many honors also include the Outstanding Textbook Award from the American Textbook Authors Association and the Outstanding Special Educator Award from the Louisiana Chapter of the American Association on Mental Deficiency.

# *Sue McCarroll*



Sue McCarroll (BS-75), honored with the Columbine Award, is coordinator of Health Services for Aurora Public Schools. A member of the UNC School of Nursing Alumni Association, she is a registered nurse, Red Cross instructor, and Kempe Prevention trainer who also earned a master's degree in counseling and human services from the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs and certification as a school nurse practitioner from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

UNC's Columbine Award recognizes service to the state of Colorado, and McCarroll's contributions to the well-being of her constituents is far-reaching. Her experience ranges from working as a migrant school nurse to recent professional presentations that include "Domestic Violence and Children: How Can We Help" and "Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting."

She serves on the executive board of the National Association of School Nurses and as president of the Colorado Association of School Nurses.

Her extensive community involvement also includes service as an American Cancer Society volunteer, a member of the Aurora Family Violence Response Team, and a member of the Office of School Health Community Advisory Board.

# Michael McGovern



Michael McGovern (BA-83), honored with the Creative Achievement Award, is a sound and visual effects editor for LucasFilms and owns his own sound post-production studio, MTM Post. Though his bachelor's degree is in economics, he caught the motion picture bug while working on a student film focusing on the culture and society within UNC.

"In 1986, McGovern traveled to California and began working for LucasFilms under the direction of George Lucas," said nominator Julie Buderus of Kersey, Colorado. "His talent as a visual effects editor can be witnessed in film projects such as 'Hunt for Red October,' 'Willow,' 'The Empire Strikes Back (Special Edition),' 'Congo,' 'Forrest Gump,' 'Star Trek 6,' and 'Backdraft' among many others.

"As an editor, his responsibilities included strategic development of timing, composition, and sequence editing for incorporation of animation," Buderus said.

"Success is rarely measured by one individual feat. Instead, involvement and participation over a period of time confirm achievements worthy of triumph. McGovern has accomplished that role representing humanity through illustration and sound."

## Martí Alter



Martí Alter (BA-74), honored with the Presidential Service Award, has been president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors for the past two years. She joined the board in 1993. During her term as president, she oversaw the implementation of communications vehicles aimed at raising the profile of the Association. One was the development of an enhanced Alumni News section in Spectrum. Another was the association's web site ([www.uncalumni.org](http://www.uncalumni.org)). She also helped make the new alumni video a reality.

"Martí Alter's hard work, dedication and strong belief in a lifelong association with the university have helped set the Alumni Association on a path to success," said Georgette Vigil, executive director of the UNC Alumni Association.

Alter is an agent and registered representative of New York Life and NYLife Securities in Denver. She is also active in the Junior League of Denver, the Denver Chamber of Commerce, the South Metro Chamber of Commerce, and the Republican Central Committee.

"She's done a wonderful job as president of the board. Martí is the kind of person who inspires and brings out the best in others," Vigil said. "Her guidance has set the stage for the association to make significant strides in years to come."

# David DeForest-Stalls



David DeForest-Stalls (BA-78), honored with the Contribution to Youth Award, operates The Spot, an award-winning urban youth center in downtown Denver. "The story of David DeForest-Stalls is familiar to many who follow UNC athletics. However Dave's efforts and activities away from the football field are what truly make him worthy of Honored Alumni recognition," said nominator Tom Barbour of Greeley.

"It is well known that after an All-American career as a defensive lineman on Coach Bob Blasi's standout Bear teams of the mid-70s, Dave went on to a nine-year career in the National Football League with the Dallas Cowboys, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Los Angeles Raiders. Along the way, he played in three Super Bowls, twice on the winning team (the Cowboys in Super Bowl XII and the Raiders in Super Bowl XVIII)."

However, the UNC Athletic Hall-of-Famer has "made a lasting impact on numerous lives" through his work with at-risk youth in Denver, Barbour said, citing widespread publicity for the youth center that helps troubled kids develop winning strategies.

"Just last fall, Dave returned to campus to serve as commencement speaker. His message of how each graduate can make a difference in the lives throughout the world was an inspiration and enthusiastically received by the graduating class," Barbour said.

# Homecoming Schedule

## Saturday, October 23

### **Special Bookstore Hours**

Saturday hours are 9 am to 3 pm. Show the cashier this program and receive 20% off all UNC insignia items.

### **Homecoming Parade - 10 am**

The parade travels on 10th Avenue from 17th to 20th Street (at the UC). From there, the parade goes west toward Nottingham Field. Staging for the parade begins at 8 am.

### **Dan Libera Invitational Cross Country Race - 8 am**

A run on UNC's West Campus. Call 351-1721 for race details.

### **Pre-Game Tailgate - 10 am to Noon**

Sponsored by the Athletic Department, join friends and family in the parking lot north of Nottingham Field. Reservations must have been received by Wednesday, October 20 in order to participate.

### **Pre-Game Picnic - 10:30 am to Noon**

Sponsored by Carl's Junior Restaurant and the UNC Athletic Blue and Gold Club. Burgers, chips, cookies and a drink for \$5. In the north east corner of Nottingham Field. You must hold a game ticket to enter the picnic area.

### **Homecoming Football Game - Noon**

UNC Bears vs. University of South Dakota Coyotes at Nottingham Field.

### **Fraternity/Sorority Open Houses - 4 pm**

### **Nursing Alumni Reception and Gunter Hall Tours - 5 pm**

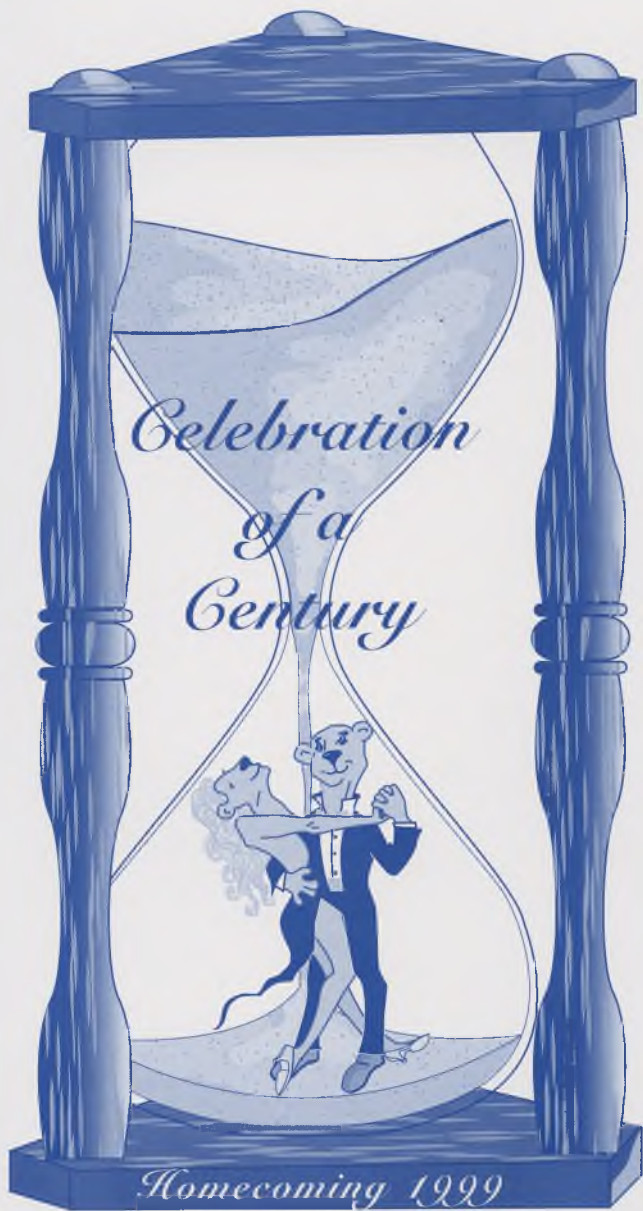
### **School of Nursing Alumni Dinner - 6 pm**

The School of Nursing Alumni Association recognizes alumni from 1969, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94 and all Masters Program Alumni classes 1992-1998 in the University Center Columbine A & B. \$16.

### **Homecoming Dance - 9 pm to Midnight**

Presented by the University Program Council, the 1999 Homecoming Dance is in the Center Grand Ballroom. Semi-formal, free.

**Homecoming Information — 351-1816**  
**Student Activities Information — 351-2871**  
**Football Ticket Information — 351-BEAR**



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