

# A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE



Honored Alumni Awards Ceremony and Banquet  
October 13, 2006



## 2006 HONORED ALUMNI AWARDS

Each year at Homecoming, the University of Northern Colorado Alumni Association honors outstanding alumni whose service and achievements embody the university's tradition of excellence. We are proud to announce the 2006 Honored Alumni Award recipients, selected by the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

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## PROGRAM

### **Welcome**

*Michael Johnson, Vice President  
Alumni Relations*

### **Remarks**

*Virgil Scott, President and CEO, UNC Foundation*

*Kay Norton, President  
University of Northern Colorado*

### **Entertainment**

*April-Joy Gutierrez '88, 2005 Honored Alumni Award recipient*

### **Dinner**

*Roast prime rib with au jus served with garlic mashed potatoes  
and green beans almondine. Vegetarian entrée available.*

### **Awards Presentation**

*Kay Norton, President  
Theo Holland '65, Alumni Association Board of Directors President  
Michael Johnson, Vice President of Alumni Relations  
Allie Steg '03, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations*

### **Casino Night**

*Enjoy our Vegas-Themed Homecoming celebration  
while playing blackjack, craps, poker and roulette.  
Dessert will be available.*



## 2006 HONORED ALUMNI



**RODGER BYBEE '66, MA '69**  
*Distinguished Alumni Award*

The executive director of one of the world's most influential science education organizations, Biological Sciences Curriculum Study (BSCS), Rodger Bybee endeavors to improve all students' understanding of science and technology by developing curricular materials, supporting their effective use, and conducting research and evaluation studies. At BSCS, he has been the principal investigator for four new National Science Foundation programs and 25 major funded research projects. Prior to joining BSCS, Bybee was executive director of the National Research Council's Center for Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Education in Washington and chaired the curriculum and instruction study panel for the National Center for Improving Science Education. Bybee is also dedicated to his work on global science literacy. He is a major force internationally in bringing together diverse cultures and economies to consider the role commonalities in science, mathematics and engineering education might play in global education. Bybee's career began teaching secondary and elementary education in Greeley. He has been a faculty member at four universities and colleges (including Northern Colorado), the longest stint being at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. (1973-85) where he was the chair of the Department of Education for five years. In addition to his two degrees from Northern Colorado, he holds a PhD in Science Education and Psychology from New York University.



**KENNETH COOK '80, MBA '84**  
*Distinguished Alumni Service Award*

Over the years, Ken Cook has demonstrated unwavering commitment and loyalty to the university while maintaining a stellar reputation as a Greeley business leader as a vice president of State Farm Insurance. A member of the Monfort College Dean's Leadership Council, Cook has been vital in transforming the college into one of the best undergraduate business programs in the country. While Cook has personally supported many university initiatives, he also plays a key role in maintaining the strong 40-year partnership between UNC and State Farm, which has sponsored various campus programs, internships and scholarships. Cook exhibits great passion for the university and visits campus frequently to speak to students, providing inspirational testimony about how to achieve success by working hard and truly caring about your customers. Cook joined State Farm in 1980 as an underwriter and was promoted to his current position in 1998. He is president of the Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association Board and a member of the University of Northern Colorado Foundation Board. He is also a Little League coach and considers his best days ones spent with family. Cook represents the best of UNC and is a role model for students and members of the community.

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**STEVE FORNESS '63, MA '64**

*Distinguished Educator Award*

Steve Forness has established himself as an outstanding leader in the field of special education. He is internationally known for his work in the areas of depression, psychopharmacology, early intervention and mental retardation, and as a continual advocate for children and adolescents with emotional or behavioral disorders. A distinguished professor emeritus of psychiatry and bio-behavioral sciences at UCLA, he served for 35 years on the faculty of the UCLA Neuropsychiatric Hospital where he was also principal of its hospital school and chief of educational psychology services. From 1985 to 1992, Forness took on additional duties as director of a federally funded program in developmental disabilities. He was awarded the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders' Leadership Award in 1995 and was the recipient of the Wallin Award from the Council of Exceptional Children and the Berman Award from the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Forness initially attended the U.S. Naval Academy, but received his BA and MA from the University of Northern Colorado. He earned a doctoral degree in education from UCLA and was a Senior Fulbright Scholar in Portugal in 1976. Demonstrating his commitment to the University of Northern Colorado, Forness is also a regular contributor to the Bresnahan-Halstead-Kephart Special Education Symposia.



**MILES ISHIGAKI '78**

*Creative Achievement Award*

Currently a professor of music at California State University, Fresno, where he has taught applied clarinet and music theory since 1987, Miles Ishigaki is known by his students to be a committed, caring professor and mentor. His talented single-reed students have won awards in international clarinet competitions and have been participants in prestigious regional and national honor wind ensemble festivals. Since 1989, Ishigaki has also served as state chair for the National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors. Ishigaki himself is an experienced orchestral and chamber musician, and has performed with groups such as the Fresno Philharmonic, Oklahoma Symphony, Fresno Lyric Opera, Orpheus Chamber Ensemble, Fort Collins Symphony and the Greeley Philharmonic. Ishigaki graduated from Northern Colorado with degrees in music education and music performance, holds a master's in music performance from the University of Arizona and a Doctor of Music Arts in performance from the University of Oklahoma. The founder of the West Coast Clarinet Congress, Ishigaki serves as both a Yamaha Artist Clinician and a Rico International Artist. Ishigaki is also the co-founder of a music recommendation search engine, ZuKool Inc., the chairman and Chief Operating Officer of F&I Enterprises Inc. (a company that focuses on providing technology to rural and underdeveloped communities) and CEO of the San Joaquin Valley Education Foundation.

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**CHERYL DECONDE JOHNSON**  
**MA '76, EDD '82**

*Trailblazer Award*

As a former supervisor with the Exceptional Student Services Unit of the Colorado Department of Education, Cheryl DeConde Johnson oversaw deaf education and audiology services for children statewide. Under her leadership, Colorado has become a model state for its deaf education and educational audiology services. Prior to working at the Department of Education full time, Johnson was an educational audiologist and hearing consultant in the Greeley-Evans School District for 22 years. Through her consulting practice, Johnson has also worked with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment as a regional Colorado Hearing Resource Coordinator to facilitate services to infants, toddlers and young children with hearing loss. Drawing upon her own experiences of raising a daughter with hearing loss, she is highly motivated to assist families as they face similar issues and challenges. Johnson's special interests include improving educational outcomes for children who are deaf and hard of hearing, early intervention and family services, and management of children's hearing needs in education settings. Johnson received the 2000 Professional Achievement Award from the American Academy of Audiology and most recently received the 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Colorado Academy of Audiology.



**DAVID NEWTON '64**

*Distinguished Alumni Award*

Honored posthumously, David Newton (1941-2003) was a futurist who recognized that sophisticated information systems could help meet daunting national challenges. He was also a pioneer in the integration of the emerging fields of environmental protection and information technology. Throughout his career, Newton served as a consultant for the federal government supporting the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Labor, the Department of Defense, the Department of Transportation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Examples of his contributions include working with the EPA to design the country's national tracking system for hazardous waste and working with the Department of Transportation to monitor the movement of hazardous cargo on our nation's highways, ports and pipelines. He co-founded the Marasco Newton Group, which grew to be a \$50 million employee-owned environmental consulting firm. His contributions to the development of the nation's Superfund program, which was created to eliminate the health and environmental threats posed by hazardous waste sites, were fundamental to the success of the company. A philanthropist, Newton leveraged his leadership position in the business community to help others. He donated 5 percent of the company's net annual income to community service and established a scholarship fund at UNC in honor of his parents and his commitment to support higher education in Colorado.

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**GERALD SHADWICK,  
RETIRED PROFESSOR**

*Honorary Alumni Award*

Gerald Shadwick is well known for his contributions as associate dean and director of the Monfort Executive Professor Program at the Monfort College of Business. He is also credited as an influential leader in the successful pursuit of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The Monfort College is the first and only business school to achieve this prestigious national recognition, and according to many, it would not have happened without Shadwick's dogged persistence. Shadwick has also been a major force in strengthening ties between the university and the Greeley community. "Shad," as he is known, joined the Monfort College of Business in 1995 after a distinguished career in government and banking. He brought his extensive experience in management to the classroom and presented coursework in such a way that he was nominated four times as the Management Professor of the Year by his students and was awarded the College of Business Teaching Recognition Award by the faculty. A longtime supporter of the Monfort College of Business, his active backing started in the 1980s when he was president of Greeley National Bank and continued when Shadwick became CEO of the Northern Colorado branches of Bank One. He currently serves on the Kansas State University Foundation Board of Trustees, the UNC Business Dean's Leadership Council, the Greeley/Weld Community Foundation Investment Committee and the Colorado Performance Excellence Advisory Board.

## PAST HONORED ALUMNI

For a complete list of all Honored Alumni Award recipients, visit [www.uncalumni.org](http://www.uncalumni.org) and click on "Awards and Scholarships."

## Call for Nominations

Do you know alumni who are doing great things? Alumni who are distinguished humanitarians or professionals? Alumni who should be considered for an Honored Alumni Award? If so, we want to know. The Northern Colorado Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for the 2007 Honored Alumni Awards to be held at Homecoming in October 2007. For nomination forms and more information, visit [www.uncalumni.org](http://www.uncalumni.org) or contact the Alumni Association at 800.332.1862, 970.351.2551 or [alumni@unco.edu](mailto:alumni@unco.edu).



## SATURDAY HOMECOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 14, 2006

### Homecoming Welcome

8:30 am, Visitor Center, 1862 10th Ave.

Enjoy coffee, juice and refreshments in front of the Visitor's Center and have a chance to visit with reunion attendees and other Bear fans. Reserved seating for the Homecoming Parade will also be available.

### Homecoming Parade

9:30 am, Parade Route

The Homecoming tradition will continue once again with floats, marching bands, and more. The parade heads South on 10th Ave. from 16th St., then turns on 20th St. and heads west to Nottingham Field.

### Pregame Party

11:30 am, Judy Farr Alumni and Development Center, 1620 Reservoir Rd.

Join the Alumni Association and Foundation for a pregame meal and party on the Alumni Terrace of the Judy Farr Center overlooking Nottingham Field.

### Bears Football

1:35 pm, Nottingham Field

Watch the Bears take on Big Sky Conference opponent Eastern Washington at Nottingham Field.

And visit the Michener Library (open Sat., 10 am – 6 pm) to view the Homecoming Art Exhibit, *Visual Stories of the Earth*, by Kori Guy '94, Native American painter and potter.



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