

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO

HONORED ALUMNI

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UNC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The University of Northern Colorado alumni board is a group of alumni leaders who advise the university's alumni outreach and engagement strategy. They serve as university volunteers and represent the alumni association in reaching and supporting the success of current students. Board members represent a diversity of class years, academic programs, professions, and geography.

THE HONORED ALUMNI AWARDS

Thousands of alumni call the University of Northern Colorado home. Their support for and ongoing involvement in the university are a point of pride for the UNC Alumni Association, and among this global network a distinguished group of graduates exemplify the standards and qualities to which all Bears aspire. They are UNC's Honored Alumni.

The Honored Alumni Awards highlight some of the most distinguished alumni and friends of the University of Northern Colorado. The honorees are examples of what it means to have a UNC education, and their personal and professional achievement give us a reason to celebrate our whole community.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE DESERVING OF AN HONORED ALUMNI AWARD?

To nominate alumni and friends for future selection, please visit unco.edu/alumni or contact the UNC Alumni Association. Nominations open in the fall.

HONORED ALUMNI VIRTUAL INDUCTION CEREMONY

WELCOME

Andy Feinstein

President, University of Northern Colorado

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Steven Maurice '72

Larry L. Miller '61

Dr. Bj Stone '72, '80, '02

Brandon Torrez '99, '02

Nancy Wendirad '05

CLOSING

Allie Steg Haskett '03

Vice President, University Advancement

STEVEN MAURICE '72

The spirit of generosity that lives in **Steven Maurice** is just one of the things that draws people to him. In a career path that took him from a bank teller to a full-time musician, Maurice has always stopped in his busy schedule to lend a helping hand whenever someone needed it.



After obtaining his degree in Business Finance from the University of Northern Colorado, he already had a job lined up as a bank teller at a small bank in Paris, Iowa. Within a span of 8 short years, he climbed the ladder and left that bank with the title of Assistant Vice President. Maurice played in a band on the side until being awarded an Iowa Arts Council Grant for Performers that allowed him to switch as a professional musician full time.

Maurice learned the art of generosity by watching his parents always step in and take care of community members and donate to important local causes. This led him and his family to establish the Maurice Foundation of Iowa. Inspired by the field work the staff and students are doing in the Department of Geography, GIS, and Sustainability at the University of Northern Colorado, he has been an impactful and dedicated donor allowing students the opportunity to understand how our realities are shaped by geographic locations.

DR. LARRY MILLER '61

An exceptional career in the chemistry field has elevated **Dr. Larry Miller** to give back to the alma mater that shaped his experience and encouraged him to break barriers.



After obtaining his undergraduate degree in Chemistry from then Colorado State College, Dr. Miller went on to receive a PhD from the University of Illinois. He quickly gained recognition for his innovative approach in research regarding organic chemistry, electrochemistry, and materials chemistry and won multiple awards including the Horace R. Morse award and the John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship.

Following an impressive career, Dr. Miller continues to shape the status quo. In 2020 he established the Larry L. Miller Chemistry Scholarship that motivates undergraduate seniors to continue pursuing chemistry in a graduate program. The scholarship provides tremendous financial support and has significantly impacted the students in the undergraduate program who are still navigating life during the pandemic.

Before retiring, Dr. Miller served as Chairman of the Chemistry Department at the University of Minnesota and was named an Institute of Technology Distinguished Professor. Throughout his career he has mentored PhD and post-doctoral students and has published over 200 research papers.

BETTIE STONE '72, '80, '02

Dr. Bettie (BJ) Stone has touched the lives of many individuals who have crossed paths with her during her time working in the education profession. After graduating from the University of Northern Colorado with a degree in Biology and Chemistry, she spent 34 years using her expertise and compassion transforming the lives of students and educators alike.



Her influence has spanned across 30 districts throughout the United States and Canada. Dr. Stone has worked for the Ministry of Education in the Bahamas, the Department of Education in Guam, and The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. In all of these places, she was instrumental in developing prosperous programs that enhanced student development. Dr. Stone is also a co-author on a book that is noted as one of the most referenced books in the field of education. It has been translated to 17 languages.

For many of the students who look back and admire teachers who have elevated their potential, Dr. Stone is definitely one of them. Dr. Stone continues to be a passionate supporter of the university and enjoys attending many sporting events.

BRANDON TORREZ '99, '02

Brandon Torrez encapsulates the spirit of what it means to be a Bear. Throughout his career, he has found passion in mentoring students to go beyond their potential. As a Greeley native and a proud UNC and Greeley West High School alumnus, Torrez has brought the spirit of togetherness to every space he occupies.



After obtaining his degrees, Torrez is proud of his loyalty to the places that shaped him into the person he is today. He continues to support the university by helping students in the education program have real classroom experience and attending basketball games to watch some of his former players play for his alma mater.

Torrez has been honored with many awards, including the Boettcher Teacher Award, and was named Greeley West Teacher of the Year for the 2012-2013 school year. He even has his own Brandon Torrez Spartan Award, which highlights significant achievement of basketball players on and off the court.

NANCY WENDIRAD '05

Nancy Wendirad fulfills her life purpose by dedicating herself to serving others. Her expansive involvement in the community and at the University of Northern Colorado are the umbrella that holds all the work she has done to improve the lives of those around her.



Graduating with degrees in Spanish and Communications, Wendirad has used her expertise to develop curriculum that met the individual needs of each student she has taught. She spearheaded many programs at different schools that increased student and parent engagement. She makes it a point to involve herself with events that benefit local schools and the community.

Wendirad has been actively engaged in the Alumni Association after she graduated from UNC. She served on the Alumni Association Board as President and Vice President.

In addition to her extensive track record she has been recognized for her work in every endeavor, including the Cumbres Scholar of the Year Award and the Education Award - Hispanic Women of Weld County. Her outstanding leadership cannot be captured on paper, but rather in the stories of the many people's lives who she has touched throughout her journey.

HONORED ALUMNI *Past Honorees*

2020

Bill Benson '76
Anissa Guzman '93, '01
Gary Loo '64
Jose Martinez III '07
Rico Wint '09

2019

Kathleen Dunemn '71
Darlene LeDoux '78
Jim & Janet Listen
Matt Schuman '86
Julie Zalikowski '75

2018

CJ Archibeque '93, '02
Trish Escobar '07, '11
Paula F. Sherlock '71
Tony Tolbert '97, '08
Monika Vischer '89
David L. Wood & Carol B. Wood

2017

Jim Alexander '69
Timothy K. Bradley '80
Fritz J. Erickson '84, '87
Bob Heiny
Bruce Pearson '69

2016

Minseok An '93
Daniel J. Carey '72, '75
Robert A. Clark '60
Pia Dounglomchunt '74, '75, '81
Bob & Bonnie Phelps

2015

Brad Inhulsen '12
Mike & Marilyn Loustalet
Dick Monfort '76
Dennis Morimoto '65, '66
Jong Shyong Shyu '84, '88

2013

Steve Baker '86
Hank & Nan Brown
Richard Kilmer '60
James Kawika Riley '05
Ronna L. Sanchez '80, '82, '88, '00

2012

Fernie Baca Hayes '61
Theo Holland '61
Autumn Hurlbert '02
Wayne Melanson '75
Bob & Betty Tointon

2011

David Pierce Beaver '72
Andrew Boian '94
Steve Eastin '70
Michael Hutchinson '79
Joseph Martin '82

2010

Laura Adams '78
S. Cato Crews '97
Kenneth Evans '55, '56
Dana Landry '94
Mark Nuccio '85
Masoud Shirazi '74, '75
Sumate Yamnoon '81, '84

2009

Allan "Gene" Aiken
Brian M. Davidson '99
Tim Jorstad '75
Frank and Betty Ottesen
Sharon Lee Parker '77

Randy Watkins '99
Aléna Watters '03
Randy Zila '80, '96

2008

Edwin "Buddy" Baker
John Beel
Tom and Nona Gordon
John L. Mendoza '61, '69
Rhoda Rogers '88
Michael Shonka '69
Patrick Varney '99

2007

Kathleen Bickford Berzock '87
Cynthia Evans '73
Glenn McDonald
Joe Tennesen
James Valdez '69
Mark Wallace '79

2006

Rodger Bybee '66, '69
Kenneth Cook '80, '84
Cheryl DeConde Johnson '76, '82
Steve Forness '63, '64
Miles Ishigaki '78
David Newton '64
Gerald Shadwick

2005

Dr. Alton Barbour '56
Bruce Broderius '66
Delores (Lori) Daniel '72
Greg Germann '78
Joe Glenn
April-Joy Gutierrez '88
Larry Roots '74
David Warble '73

2004

Gregory J. Anton '87
Duane Banks '65
Jon Crane '71
William Hairston '73
Henrietta Holsman Fore '75
Marlene Politzer '52

2003

Linda S. Akers '86
W. Keith Christy '63, '67
Jay K. Hackett '72
Noreen Heer Nicol '77
Sam Schauerman '51, '52
C. Daniel Sprick '78

2002

Robert Ackerman '75
David L. Hartenbach '81
James Lyke '68
John A. Mosbo '69
Stanley Shimada '61, '63
George E. Swafford '59

2001

Scott Fredrickson '89
John W. Haefeli '86
Thomas M. Howerton '64, '71
Chen-ku Hwang '82
Jerry V. Krause '65, '67
Alice C. Leal '68, '76
Carlos Leal '64, '71
Charles R. McNerney '61, '62
Jack A. Murphy '67, '94
L. Wayne Wells '49

2000

Donald Bailey '76
James Cantrell '65
Jongrak Krainam '75, '80
John G. Newman '81
Ann O'Brien-Gonzales '97
George Sage '55, '57
Norma Saiter '69, '70
Jean Schober Morrell '94
Donald Waldrip '61
Cheryl Wenzinger '72

1999

Marti Alter '74
David Deforest-Stalls '78
Lowell Graham '70, '71
Karel King Hill '67
Freddie Litton '73
Jack Magruder '66
Sue McCarroll '75
Michael McGovern '83
Lorraine "Lori" Garcia Sadler '67
Joseph Velardo '48

1998

Paul D. Beal '52
Ellen Brilliant '94
Walter Katnich '50
Frank Lakin '55, '57
Peter Lemon '81
Harold Love '63
Frances Omori '71, '72
Charles Putnik '72

1997

Alex F. Chappell '77
Sugree Charoensook '81, '85
Larry D. Dunkle '65
Marie Louise Anderson Greenwood '35
Vicki Heisler '74
William (Michael) Kleine '70
James E. Loehr '66, '68
Wesley Howard Sargent '69

1996

Judith Knecht Babbitt '62
David E. Carter '76
Steven John Dietz '80
Joan Bailey Morley '52
Lydia Miller Ruyle '72
Peter William Zehna '50, '51

1995

Bernice Bass de Martinez '70, '72
Elena J. Batman '87
Barbara Coloroso '70, '72
Walter M. Francis '71, '73
Robert Heinich '48, '49
Jerry Kiefer '70
Michael C. Tormey '72, '77
Neil Westergaard '75
Lloyd M. Yonemura '72

1994

Neil D. Argo Jr. '79
Robert L. Blasi '56
Lucile Maxfield Bogue '34
Daniel A. Frantz '79
Kent W. Glassman '87
Raymond J. Kruse '41
Ronald J. Newton '61
John D. Pacheco '74, '79

1993

Thomas Hernandez '59
Reuben Al Isberg '35
Scott Manley '69, '70, '77
Mary Golda Ross '39
Michael Weiker '62, '65
William "Bill" H. Welsh, Jr. '35

1992

James Shigeo Alegre '59
Maw-Fa Chien '73
Ralph Willis Levy '48, '49
Christine Louise Lucero '81
Carol Schneider Mutter '67
Barbara Ennis Pigford '53

1991

Betty Twist Aylin '39
James R. Burress '76
Alan D. Clark '64
Norman Heimgartner '68
Louise Johnson '71
Richard D. Olson '76
William E. Rapp '64
Charles L. Rutherford '49, '55, '67
George Umberson '67

1990

Henry Amicarella '37, '38
Tamra Hayden-Rice '85
Charles A. Lindly '57, '61
Don Meyer '67, '68
Janelle Haworth Munn '48
Sherry Ann Ramsey '82, '82
Anthony M. Rossi '49
John H. Schrant '44
Patricia Bennett Taylor '69
Lawrence Von Bamford '80

1988

LaMar Steen '51
George E. Ayers '63, '65
Janet Brooks-Gerloff '72
Ying-Hau Chen '73, '75
Leslie S. Franklin '62
Gordon T. Maddux '53
Jon R. Runge '76
Marian Stoskopf '59
Marjorie Wilson West '62
James E. Miller '55

1987

Anan Attachoo '75
Andrea Slack Doray '77
Martha Epp '40, '43
Pete Mirich '50, '61
Patricia Ward Rubano '74, '80
Roland M. Smith '69
Gloria Velasquez Trevino '78
Philip Wilson '68
Catherine Yoder '74

1986

Sylvia Adams '83
Ildris K. Boltz '36
Alice Amen Heinz '59
Ruby Miller
Dorothy J. Porter '67
Don Robinson '58
J. Joseph Stevens '65
David P. Wacker '75

1985

Glen Alps '40
Barbara Sue Davis '74
Patrick Haggerty '51, '53
Mildred Hansen '27
Maureen Hogg '77
Larry T. Schultz '55, '65
Sharon Seery '70
Knute Skinner '51
Maynard Stamper '34, '38
Virginia Anderson Webb '56

1984

John C. Duran '73
Rupert M. Goodbrod
Walter O. Green '55, '56
Richard H. Jones '34, '37
William P. Kenney '78
Lian-Wen Mao '70
Greg L. Riddoch '68

1983

J. Michael Barrett '68
Robert Benton '56
Mary Camblin Reed '60
Donald S. Groves '67, '70, '82
Louis Ingelhart '42, '47
Gaylord Morrison
Dorothy Strubel '34
Mildred Ying '50

1982

Mildred "Mim" Tesdahl Ballou '60
Harold M. Browning '36, '43
Lonis C. "Pete" Butler '31, '35
Hollis F. Fait '46, '48
Michael Homyak '60
Courtlyn Hotchkiss '46, '54
James M. Kadlecik '85
Betty J. Kolstoe '57, '69
Donald C. Roush '59
Joseph L. Shoemaker '42, '51

1981

Irv Brown '57
Margaret Anne Campbell '38
Julianne F. Haefeli '54
Stephen J. Havill '69
LeRoy Kerns '48
Samuel Martinez '57, '61
Martha Spann Poole '60
Margaret Bottinelli Troxel '39, '41

1980

Gerry Flanigan '66
Clara Funderburk '63
Jacqueline I. Haines '55
William H. Hill '52, '53, '55
Charles F. Howard Jr. '54, '58
Dean Krakel '50
Victor R. Nottingham '52

1979

Martin Candelaria
Glenna Dannels '47
Gilbert J. Hause '52
John U. Michaelis '36
Lily Rosqueta-Rosales '57
J.C. Tim Scates '66
Andra Schmidt Bookman '70
Poonsang Sutabutra '65

1978

Said Atiah Abo Ali '75
R. Rix Blakey '47
John E. Bothell '26, '36
George A. Cavender '28, '33
Richard B. Feaster '51, '54
Julianne F. Haefeli '54
A. Dallas Martin Jr. '65, '69, '71
B. Corlee Munson '48
Arthur L. Ohanian '48, '67
Virginia L. Sears '28
Christine A. Tanner '69
Joseph C. Weber '66

1977

Raymond V. Biondo '60
Irene Pixler Dunstan '32, '37
Kun-Huei Huang '71
Arno H. Luker '49
Robert W. Noffsinger '43
Stephanie Mueller Riley '61
Gerald D. Schmidt '60
Elva Stealy Steinmark '32
Robert L. Wendel '59, '60, '67
Wellington Webb '64, '71

1976

Tilman M. Bishop '55, '56
Spurgeon Q. Bryant Sr. '54
Chunghoon Choy '69
Donald L. Garrity '50
Carl E. Hansen '63, '65, '68
Edward Kelly '66
Samuel Martinez '57, '61
Frank A. Slack '39
Donnis Thompson '67

1975

Fritz S. Brennecke '36
Frederick Hæhnlén '65
Helen Fung Khoo '57
Ralph King '39, '40
Jack J. Meakins '51, '55
James E. Perdue '41
Roland Rautenstrauss '43
Ruth Rich '49
Ernest B. Scott '50

1974

Charles O. Douglas '59, '65
Richard G. Hause '54, '55, '66
Jeanette Lacey '39
John J. Mirich '58, '61
Edwin J. Pittock '65
Eleanor M. Wagoner '60
Wayman Walker '41

1973

Ernest Andrade '62, '71, '82
A. Irene Armitstead '45
Carl H. Gustafson '51
Donald Blaine Herdman '51
Dorothy Clayton McKenzie '32
Tedde Kast Scharf '73, '74

1972

Edwin G. Alexander '47
William E. Davis '58
Audrey V. Dempsey '29, '32, '50
Hal W. Hamm '28, '30
Charles J. Mackey '35
James A. Michener '37

1971

Samuel G. Gates '45, '47
Hazel L. Munson '32, '60
Hazel E. Petrocco '48
James Wailes '41, '49

1970

Earl Lester Cole '43
Guy Davis '41
M. Frances Dougherty '35, '40
Lafayette W. Green '34, '36
Fred Harclerod '39, '42
Eugene Herrington '26
Ubol Reangsuwan '56, '59

1969

Eldon E. Baker '59
William F. Hartman '38, '52
J. Osborne Johnson '28, '38
John C. Johnson '28, '38
Charles Romine '54
Wilma Scott '42

1968

Dorothy Jean Corsberg '46, '52
Warren Monfort
Robert Timothy '41
Carl Wilkerson '51, '57

1967

Laurene Edmundson '40
Ted Long '24, '27
Charles Lott Jr. '42
Clyde Morganti '41

1966

Ervin French '42, '46
John A. Rosales '75
Helen Jo Shaeffer '54

1965

Marvin Foote '40
Henry Lujan '54
Phyllis Roop '54
Warren W. Wiggins

1964

Lucy P. Blaisdell '26
Eugene R. Gullette '38
Mildred E. Jobe '29
William L. McDivitt '56
Anna C. Petteys '43

1963

Edward J. Flint '29, '38, '54
Jack Pollock '49, '57
Margaret Wood '69

1962

Thomas B. Doherty '38, '42
John Taylor Eastlick '39
Mary Louise Flood '17, '27
Edward John Getsch '40

1961

Lloyd E. Gaskill '35
Walter Humphrey '31
Emma Lou Purvis '38
Ewald Turner '49

1960

Harold Ferguson '35, '42
Chester O'Hanlon '35, '41
Altha Stogsdill '46
Bill Welsh '34

1959

Myron Willett '30, '39
Elbie L. Gann '43
Mary Hinds '50
Frederick H. Good '33

1958

Wilford Woody '26, '27
Gilbert Funk '41
Louise Cronbaugh '38, '39
Elmer F. Bennett '38

1957

Harry W. Charlesworth '26, '28
Ann P. Oleson '57, '61
Robert H. Johnson

1956

George Irvin '35, '39
Geneva Keirnes '35
Thomas J. Murphy '36, '46

1955

Elmer Burkhard '36, '44, '70
Julia Braun '25, '31

1954

John T. Roberts '29, '30
Hazel Dalbey

1953

Harold Threlkeld
Janet Grauberger '37

1952

Margaret McGroarty '22, '27
Robert James

1951

Lloyd A. Garrison '26, '32
Grace Finley '17, '27

1950

Jean Hunt Goudy '36, '39
Leo Butler '67

1949

Jennie Tyler '14
James Reiva

1948

Irene Conboy '16
Louis H. Braun '30, '31

1947

Marguerite Jucham '31, '32
Phillip Kirton

THANK YOU

2021 HONORED ALUMNI SELECTION COMMITTEE

Each year a committee of alumni volunteers reads each nomination and selects a new class of honorees to induct as Honored Alumni during a ceremony that pays tribute to their personal and professional accomplishments and dedication to the university. The committee is comprised of alumni board members and past honorees.



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