

Bethel College alumni awards lists

Outstanding Alumni Award

The Outstanding Alumnus/Alumna/Alumni Award is the oldest of the Bethel alumni awards. It began in 1960. (During 1960-1971 and 1973-1979 it was called the “Distinguished” Alumni Award. 1972 was the first reference to “Outstanding” Alumni, and it has been labeled “Outstanding” from 1981 on.)

- 2012 Glen Ediger
- 2011 John and Reinhild (Kauenhoven) Janzen
- 2010 James F. Schrag
- 2009 J. Harold Moyer
- 2008 Duane Goossen
- 2007 Cynthia (Alexadner) Doyle Perkins
- 2006 Leonard and Joan Wiebe
- 2005 Greg Raleigh
- 2004 Leo Driedger
- 2003 William E. Dunn and Irene A. (Schmidt) Dunn
- 2002 Gary Waltner
- 2001 Paul Renich
- 2000 Donald Roy Klassen
- 1999 Marilyn Kauffman Miller
- 1998 Donald Dean Goering
- 1997 Oswald (Ozzie) Goering
- 1996 Vern Preheim
- 1995 Waldo and Lucille Leisy
- 1994 Rosella Reimer Duerksen
- 1993 Henry Poettcker
- 1992 Verney and Belva (Waltner) Unruh
- 1991 Dallas Voran
- 1990 Norman and Ethel Abrahams
- 1989 Vernon H. Neufeld
- 1988 Robert Kreider
- 1987 Orlando Waltner
- 1986 Roland and Sophie (Schmidt) Brown
- 1985 Albert Gaeddert
- 1984 David H. Suderman
- 1983 Ralph C. Kauffman
- 1982 David C. Wedel
- 1981 Paul Albrecht
- 1980 [none]
- 1979 Willard E. Kaufman

1978 Elbert Koontz
1977 Robert and Myrtle Unruh
1976 Cornelius J. Dyck
1975 Clinton Kaufman, Elizabeth Kayawayma/Qöywaima White
1974 Cora Molzen Haury Dyck, Otto D. Unruh
1973 Harry E. Martens, Edwin M. Harms, Sadie (Ratzlaff) Harms
1972 Waldo H. Kliever, Elmer Ediger, E. G. Kaufman
1971 Bernhard "Benny" Bargen, Frank J. Enns, Walter W. Graber
1970 Honora Becker, Laura E. Dester, Waldo R. Wedel
1969 Marie Wollman Lohrentz, Peter K. Regier
1968 Herbert R. Schmidt, Mariam Penner Schmidt
1967 Marie J. Regier, David D. Eitzen, Henry A. Fast
1966 Emil W. Haury, Albert J. Penner
1965 Ernest E. Leisy and Elva Krehbiel Leisy, Geneva Mercomes, Theodore O. Wedel
1964 Jacob F. Balzer, Helene Riesen Goertz, Paul D. Voth
1963 Isaac J. Dick, Jacob Arthur Duerksen, John Thiessen
1962 Sister Theodosia Harms, Samuel J. Goering, David S. Pankratz
1961 Abraham M. Lohrentz, Sister Lena Mae Smith, Albert D. Schmutz
1960 Willis E. Rich, Jacob H. Langenwalter, John E. Entz [first year of alumni awards]

Distinguished Achievement Award

The Distinguished Achievement Award began in 1973.

2012 Toshihiro "Ted" Fukudome
2011 Laurel Preheim
2010 Janeal Crabb Krehbiel
2009 Howard L. Brenneman
2008 Claudia A. Limbert
2007 Roy D. Unruh
2006 Richard Littlebear
2005 Rodney J. Sawatzky
2004 Alfred Habegger
2003 Rosalind Enns Andreas
2002 Robert Regier
2001 Jacob D. Goering
2000 Franzie L. Loepp
1999 Edith Claassen Graber and O'Ray C. Graber
1998 Erwin Boschmann
1997 Edwin Willem
1996 Kenneth Dunn
1995 Lawrence Hart
1994 O. Roy Wiebe
1993 Kenneth Hiebert

1992 Stanley Eitzen
1991 Calvin Schrag
1990 Robert M. Schrag
1989 Delton and Marian (Claassen) Franz
1988 Dean Stucky
1987 Roland Bartel
1986 Leland and Bertha (Fast) Harder
1985 Frieda Dirks
1984 Gerald Stucky
1983 Gordon D. Kaufman
1982 Elvera Voth
1981 Marvin H. Ewert
1980 Elmer Neufeld
1979 Ruthabel Rickman Rollins
1978 Chris H. Groneman
1977 Fremont Regier
1976 Earl W. Unruh
1975 Dorothea Franzen
1974 Erland Waltner
1973 Virginia (Toews) Stucky [the first Distinguished Achievement Award]

Young Alumni Award

The Young Alumni Award began in 1974.

2012 Jaroslav Tir
2011 Matthew D. Schmidt
2010 Katrina Toews
2009 Jennifer Scott Koontz
2008 Arthur W. Marks
2007 Susan Loepf
2006 Terry Rempel, Sonia Weaver, Alain Epp Weaver
2005 Rachel Kasper deBenedet
2004 Cheryl L. Stucky
2003 Paul Schrag, Wendy Funk Schrag
2002 Karl Friesen, Kurt Friesen, Gwen Neufeld, Jeff Stehman
2001 Bonnie Bartel, Seiichi P. T. Matsuda
2000 Leticia Palacioz Nielsen
1999 Susan Schultz Huxman
1998 Joseph W. Harder
1997 Scott W. Hiebert
1996 Daniel Hege
1995 Linda Shelly

1994 John Paul Lederach
1993 Mark Ediger
1992 Janine Wedel
1991 Mark Randolph Thompson
1990 David Ortman
1989 Gail (Wiebe) and Russell Toevs
1988 Keith Henley
1987 Curt Goering
1986 Ronald Flickinger
1985 John Buhr
1984 Richard Walker
1983 Richard and Dorothy (Nickel) Friesen
1982 Keith Reimer
1981 Ted and Gayle (Gerber) Koontz
1980 Jay Goering
1979 Jay Spaulding
1978 Stan and Pat Albrecht Senner
1977 Doyle Preheim
1976 James Klassen, Max Ediger
1975 Kenneth E. Koehn
1974 Charles F. Claassen

Outstanding Nursing Alumni

Unknown if this was awarded before 2007 or in 2010.

2011-12 Marie and Martha Voth
2009 Gregg Schroeder
2008 Arlene Hett
2007 Lynn Unruh

Posthumous recognition

In 1980, two alumni were recognized posthumously. These awards don't fit into the other categories.

1980 Doris Janzen Longacre
1980 John D. Unruh, Jr.