



THIS IS THE 40TH YEAR that the College of Education and Human Development Alumni Society has presented awards to outstanding alumni and faculty, and our second with alumni from social work, family social science, and

General College. Since 1968, 103 distinguished honorees have been recognized, split evenly between men and women.

The list of past winners is impressive. In 1968 the first Gordon M.A. Mork Outstanding Educator Award was presented to Elmer Lundgren. Patricia McLagan received the inaugural Larry Wilson Award in 1992 for educational achievement outside the traditional school environment. The first Distinguished International Alumni Award was presented in 1997 to Somwung Pitiyanuwat of Thailand.

In 2003 the William E. Gardner PreK-12 Outstanding Educator Award was instituted and given to Kathie Huettle and Thomas Scott. And in 1988 professor Robert Jackson was honored with the first Distinguished Teaching Award (renamed the Robert H. Beck Faculty Teaching Award in 1992). These alumni have had a significant impact on society, and we are pleased to recognize them.

We look forward to this year's "Class of 2008" honorees and to finding out who will receive the new Emerging Leader Award. I invite you to join us at this year's awards celebration on April 18 where we will say "hats off" to the winners. In addition, we will salute a new generation of leaders when we honor the recipients of our Alumni Society-sponsored scholarships which are funded by you, our loyal and generous alumni.

Randy Johnson, B.S., '75
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 Human Development Alumni Society*

1940s

Wesley Matson (B.S. '48) passed away in August. His career included serving as assistant dean and professor of education at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, and dean of the College of Education at Winona State University. He also served on the CEHD Alumni Society Board of Directors.

1960s

Dale Lange (Ph.D. '66) participated in a People to People Ambassador Program World Language delegation to China in October. Lange is professor emeritus, educational policy and administration and curriculum and instruction, and resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Anita Anderson Ratwik (B.S. '67) was awarded the Pro Lingua Award by the Minnesota Council on the Teaching of Languages and Cultures for her support of world languages.

1970s

Ruthann Steinlicht Baker (B.S. '74) was honored as German Teacher of the Year by the American German Societies of New England.

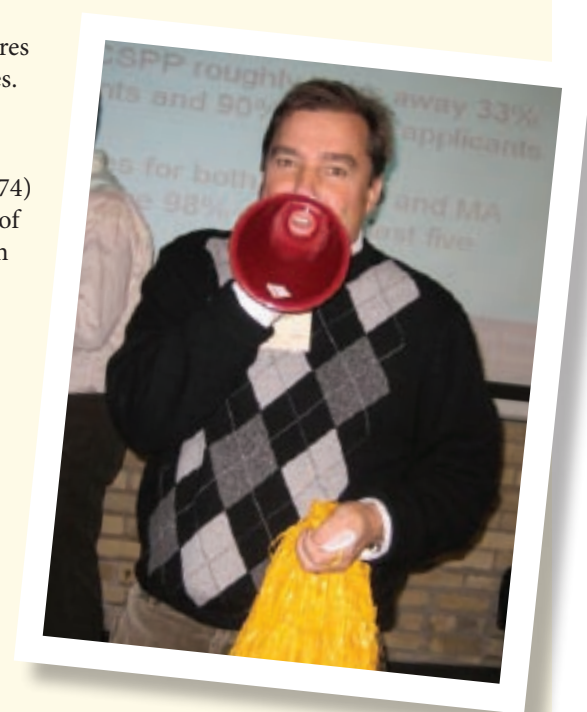
Dirk Miller (Ph.D. '93) shows his maroon and gold spirit at the CSPP Alumni Reception held on November 24 at the newly renovated Education Sciences Building.

1980s

Laura Smidzik (M.A. '84) received the Brian Coyle Leadership Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Twin Cities Human Rights Campaign, in recognition of her contributions to the cause of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender equality. She is the executive director of Rainbow Families.

Nancy Rud-Gordon (M.Ed. '87) was named National Developmental Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the year. Rud-Gordon has been a teacher in the Burnsville, Minnesota, school district for 20 years.

Barbara Keith (B.S. '88) has written and illustrated *The Girls and Boys of Mother Goose* (Brownian Bee Press, 2007). The book features nursery rhymes that she illustrated with stained glass mosaic artwork.



1990s

Peg Lonquist (Ph.D. '95) was appointed director of the Office for University Women at the University of Minnesota.

S. Bruce Benson (Ph.D. '96) has been selected by the University's College of Pharmacy as the 2007 recipient of the Lawrence C. and Delores M. Weaver Medal for Distinguished Contributions to Pharmacy Education, Research, or Outreach. Benson is associate director of professional relations at the College of Pharmacy.

Dan Simon (M.A. '98) became the first Certified Transformative Mediator in Minnesota. Transformative mediation is a new approach to conflict management.



Kay (B.S. '60) and David Nelson, Sr. (A.A. '64) catch up on College news with development officer Richard Burbach and Dean Bailey at the February 16 alumni dinner at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona.



Mandy Orlick (B.S. '04) shares her experiences as a kindergarten teacher with Dean Bailey at an alumni brunch in Arizona.

2000s

Sharon Cormany Ornelas (M.Ed. '00) was one of 80 educators nationwide to receive a \$25,000 Milken Educator Award. Ornelas is an English language learner teacher at Patrick Henry High School in Minneapolis and coordinator of its Professional Practice School—a partnership with the College. She received notice of her selection at an “academic pep rally” with Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty, Education Commissioner Alice Seagren, and Minneapolis School Superintendent Bill Green.

Lori A. Peterson (Ph.D. '02) was appointed director of Augsburg for Adults at Augsburg College in Minneapolis.



Get into the swing of things!

Join CEHD alumni, faculty, staff, and students for the second **Scramble for Scholarships Golf Tournament** on July 15 at the University Les Bolstad Golf Course. This best ball event includes contests, prizes, lunch, and more. Create a foursome of your own, or organizers can match you with a group. The proceeds will benefit CEHD Alumni Society scholarships. Registration will begin in early May.

We are seeking 18-hole sponsors; breakfast, lunch, and beverage cart sponsors; and gift certificates or merchandise for prizes. Contact Raleigh Kaminsky at 612-626-1601 or kamin003@umn.edu for specific information.

