EIGHTY YEARS OF ALUMNI EXCELLENCE
The graduates of a university are its greatest gift. They come through its doors with talents—some raw, some polished. With hope, energy and dedication, they harness their passions, hone their skills and dive into experiences that build their character. Caps and gowns fluttering in the wind, they leave to make their way in the world, to better it, to shape it and to prove the value of what their alma mater has given to them.

As we celebrate the university’s 80th birthday, we are thankful for its greatest gifts, our alumni. UMKC (and UKC) and the Alumni Association have long held a tradition of recognizing those graduates whose achievements and accomplishments make us all proud. This tribute is a special look back at all of the past winners of the university’s highest alumni honor: the alumni awards.

We as a campus join the UMKC Alumni Association in honoring 80 years of excellence among our graduates near and far. Enjoy!

Curtis J. Crespino
Vice Chancellor for Advancement
University of Missouri–Kansas City
80 YEARS OF ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS

Winners are listed by the year they won their first school-based award, and they are listed with their graduating year and academic unit. Unless noted, winners received the top alumni achievement award from their academic unit. Additional awards or campus-wide honors are subsequently listed. Degrees listed are the terminal degrees.

1940s

1949
- Nicholas Hunter* (1901 PHARM)
- Albert A. Ridge* (‘25 LAW)
- Gordon L. Teall* (‘18 DENT)
- Ruth Warrick* (‘37 A&S)

1950
- Samuel Arthur Dew* (1909 LAW)
- Dwight B. Newton (‘42 A&S)
  »1983 Alumnus of the Year
- Mars V. Wertzberger* (‘30 PHARM)
  »1950, 1963 Achievement Awards

1951
- James W. Broaddus* (1913 LAW)
- Frank K. Kelly* (‘37 A&S)
  »1951, 1963 Achievement Awards
- Harry Elwood Smith* (‘25 PHARM)
- Harry H. Sorrels* (‘25 DENT)

1960s

1961
- H. Carl Balsiger Jr.* (‘38 A&S)
- James W. Benjamin* (‘49 LAW)
  »1961, 1973 Achievement Awards
  »1994 Presidential Citation
- Service Award
- Paul E. Bindley* (‘18 LAW)
- Edward D. Brown* (‘50 PHARM)
- Lyda Halstead Browning* (‘49 EDU)
- Laura Lee Cubbison* (‘51 CNS)
- Jane Willis Davis* (‘43 CNS)
- Anthony G. Ferrara* (CNS)
- Bill T. Fetzer* (‘59 BLOCH)
- Frederic Armand Glenn* (‘40 A&S)

1962
- Willard Reese Bellinger* (‘25 DENT)
- Russell S. Blake*
  »Conservatory of Music & Dance Achievement Award
- Ruth R. Blake (‘54 CNS)
  »Conservatory of Music & Dance Achievement Award
  »1974 Alumni Service Award
1983 Presidential Citation Service Award
Hilary Ashby Bush* ('32 LAW)
> Alumnus of the Year
Thelma Cisel* ('30 LAW)
David H. Clark* ('52 LAW)
James A. Coffin* ('50 PHARM)
Walter Edward Cook* ('47 CNS)
S. Stanley Dalen* ('60 BLOCH)
John T. Lockton Jr.* ('36 A&S)
Labiba Nadim Salah* ('54 EDU)
Joseph G. Shalinsky ('39 PHARM)
1962, 1974 Achievement Awards
Thomas Sims ('61 LAW)
School of Management Achievement Award
> 1973 Alumni Service Award
Sidney H. Smith* ('49 PHARM)
Leo J. Sweeney ('51 A&S)
2013 Legacy Award
Donald Mouzon Vandevander* ('53 EDU)
Charles Walthall ('48 DENT)
1963
John R. Baker ('62 BLOCH)
John Emil Blomquist* ('38 A&S)
> 1963, 1981 School of Management Achievement Awards
William Levi Dawson* ('23 CNS)
Linda L. Engstrom ('59 EDU)
Marvin F. Gench Jr.* ('56 CNS)
> College of Arts & Sciences Achievement Award
Gerald Wesley Goforth* ('42 DENT)
James Ambrose King* ('52 PHARM)
Fred Turner Mahaffey* ('52 PHARM)
> 1963, 1984 Achievement Awards
James G. Trimble ('56 Law)
William Baxter Waters* ('41 LAW)
Virginia O. Young* ('64 EDU)
1964
Shelton E. Bower ('50 PHARM)
Elizabeth Ann Boyle* ('56 EDU)
Conella Coulter Brown ('53 A&S)
Minas Christian* ('39 CNS)
John L. Dowgray Jr.* ('47 A&S)
> 1968 Alumni Service Award
Robert L. Ferguson ('62 BLOCH)
Shirley A. Hill ('55 EDU)
Joseph R. Hogsett* ('50 LAW)
F. Russell Millin* ('54 LAW)
James F. Neff* ('32 PHARM)
> 2008 Legacy Award
Roddy F. Osborn* ('38 A&S)
> 1964 School of Management Achievement Award
1973 College of Arts & Sciences Achievement Award
Jack Leonard Ralston* ('52 CNS)
Gordon L. Ross* ('1910 DENT)
Phillip Small* ('17 PHARM)
> Achievement Award
Alumnus of the Year
Douglas A. Yeager* ('41 DENT)
1965
Edward Allen Baird Jr.* ('55 CNS)
> 1965, 1987 Achievement Awards
Ernest H. Fremont Jr.* ('56 LAW)
Henry Bailey Gardner* ('36 A&S)
> School of Education Achievement Award
> Alumnus of the Year
Howard Luck Gossage* ('39 A&S)
Edmund Thomas Haines* ('36 CNS)
Edward P. Nelson* ('28 DENT)
A. Frank Schopper* ('17 DENT)
Lester F. Sorenson* ('32 PHARM)
Bud E. Winslow ('53 EDU)
Conn Withers* ('32 LAW)
Edward F. Zigler ('59 A&S)
> 1972 Alumnus of the Year
1966
Carolyn Dickson* ('59 PHARM)
Donald R. Rogers ('60 BLOCH)
Carl W. Sawyer* ('25 DENT)
> 1976 Alumni Service Award
Stanley J. Siegel* ('49 LAW)
Roland N. Stromberg* ('39 A&S)
Lyle W. Willits* ('49 PHARM)
> 1966, 1977 Achievement Awards
> 1970 Alumni Service Award
RUTH WARRICK ('37, A&S)
1949 Alumni Achievement Award
Warrick began her career as a radio singer. Hired by Orson Welles, she starred as Kane’s first wife in Citizen Kane, her film debut. She later gained notoriety for her role as Phoebe Tyler on All My Children.

KEY

ACADEMIC UNITS
A&S: College of Arts and Sciences
BLOCH: Bloch School of Business and Public Administration; Henry W. Bloch School of Management
CNS: Conservatory of Music and Dance
DENT: School of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene
EDU: School of Education
MED: School of Medicine
NRS: School of Nursing and Health Studies
PHARM: School of Pharmacy
SCE: School of Computing and Engineering
SGS: School of Graduate Studies
*Denotes deceased
1967
Anita Aldrich* ('46 EDU)
Horace Warren Kimbrell* ('39 LAW)
» 1967 Alumni Service Award
» 1969 Achievement Award
» 1982 Presidential Citation Service Award
Lynn McCarthy ('65 BLOCH)
» 1987 Alumnus of the Year

1968
Edward F. Arn* ('31 LAW)
George Louis Blackwell* ('46 EDU)
Lee M. Lightner* ('38 DENT)
Edward P. Shurick* ('46 A&S)
» Alumnus of the Year
Paul L. Willson Jr.* ('38 A&S)

1969
Sue Harris Kingwell
» Conservatory of Music & Dance Achievement Award
Robert C. Likins* ('45 DENT)
George D. Milne* ('39 A&S)
Donald D. Sewing* ('56 BLOCH)
Joseph Paschal Twymon* ('62 EDU)
Mathew W. Wilson* ('50 PHARM)
» 1993 Alumni Service Award

1970
Martin Baier ('70 A&S)
» School of Management Achievement Award
» 1977 Alumni Service Award
Jay B. Dillingham* ('32 LAW)
» Alumnus of the Year
Edward Leo Farrell Jr.* ('53 LAW)
Elizabeth L. Gray* ('37 A&S)
Robert B. Shira* ('32 DENT)
» 1981 Alumnus of the Year
Jack M. Zimmerman ('63 EDU)

1971
Donald R. Armacost Sr.* ('40 A&S)
Joseph F. Jacobs ('43 DENT)
William Shelton Morris* ('48 LAW)
» Alumnus of the Year
A. Rae Price ('77 EDU)
William M. Richmond ('59 PHARM)
E. Robert Seaver* ('40 LAW)
Jack E. Wells* ('51 DENT)
» Alumni Service Award

1972
Helen Kehr Billings* ('60 EDU)
Myron K. Ellison* ('39 LAW)
» Alumni Service Award
» 1980 Alumnus of the Year
» 1990 Presidential Citation Service Award
Margaret A. Hickey-Strubinger* ('28 LAW)

1973
Hugh K. Charles ('57 PHARM)
Clarence M. Kelley* ('40 LAW)
» Alumnus of the Year
Billie Mahoney ('49 A&S)
» Conservatory of Music & Dance Achievement Award
Fred A. Richmond* ('19 DENT)

1974
Elmer Len Dresslar Jr.* ('49 CNS)
Constance B. Nelson* ('58 EDU)
» College of Arts & Sciences Achievement Award
A. Gilbert Rees* ('63 EDU)
John W. Richmond* ('26 DENT)
Joseph M. Stevens Jr. ('58 A&S)
» School of Management Achievement Award

1975
Alvin L. Brooks ('73 A&S)
» 1996 Alumni Service Award
» 2009 Alumnus of the Year
Kenneth O. Gangel* ('69 EDU)
L. M. Hughes* ('63 PHARM)
Philip M. Jones* ('43 DENT)
James Carrington Leiter Jr. ('65 BLOCH)
Arthur H. Stoup ('50 LAW)
Charles B. Wheeler Jr. ('59 LAW)
» Alumnus of the Year

1976
Richard N. Carrothers ('69 A&S)
John Frank Chimienti* ('42 DENT)
Thomas Dean Cochran* ('58 LAW)
Dennis D. Hennessy ('66 A&S)
Joyce Annunciata Smith ('71 EDU)
Howard L. Stark ('58 PHARM)
Paul E. Vardeman Jr. ('53 LAW)
» Alumnus of the Year

ELMER “LEN” DRESSLAR ('49, CNS)
1974 Alumni Achievement Award

Best known as the deep voice of the Jolly Green Giant for General Mills, Dresslar launched his long voice career at the Conservatory. He recorded spots and jingles for many brands, including Rice Krispies, Marlboro and Amoco.

Lucile Ussery Hollis* ('48 EDU)
» School of Management Achievement Award
Dayton D. Krajicek* ('43 DENT)
Jeannette S. Lee ('39 A&S)
George E. Mallams ('54 PHARM)
Sandra Warfield* ('41 CNS)

1970s

1967
Anita Aldrich* ('46 EDU)
Horace Warren Kimbrell* ('39 LAW)
» 1967 Alumni Service Award
» 1969 Achievement Award
» 1982 Presidential Citation Service Award
Lynn McCarthy ('65 BLOCH)
» 1987 Alumnus of the Year
Genevieve D. Roth* ('50 DENT)
» 1967 Alumna of the Year
Leonard V. Sorg* ('40 A&S)
Leith Stevens* ('27 CNS)
R. Carter Tucker* ('16 LAW)
Jarvis M. Williams* ('34 DENT)

1968
Edward F. Arn* ('31 LAW)
George Louis Blackwell* ('46 EDU)
Lee M. Lightner* ('38 DENT)
Edward P. Shurick* ('46 A&S)
» Alumnus of the Year
Paul L. Willson Jr.* ('38 A&S)

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Sue Harris Kingwell
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Robert C. Likins* ('45 DENT)
George D. Milne* ('39 A&S)
Donald D. Sewing* ('56 BLOCH)
Joseph Paschal Twymon* ('62 EDU)
Mathew W. Wilson* ('50 PHARM)
» 1993 Alumni Service Award

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» Alumni Service Award
» 1980 Alumnus of the Year
» 1990 Presidential Citation Service Award
Margaret A. Hickey-Strubinger* ('28 LAW)
1977
Thomas D. Barr* ('53 A&S)
» 1982 Alumnus of the Year
Howard Henry Dukes Sr.* ('49 DENT)
» 1983 Alumni Service Award
Don Merrill Jackson* ('36 LAW)
Leonard L. Molotsky* ('66 EDU)
Leonard E. VanCamp* ('64 CNS)
1979
George Berry ('49 LAW)
Vinson Cole ('72 CNS)
Norman D. Glasscock ('57 DENT)
William G. Hyland* ('54 A&S)
» Alumnus of the Year
James T. Job ('58 BLOCH)
» Alumni Service Award
» 1986 Achievement Award
» 1986 Presidential Citation Service Award
Carlton L. Milby ('65 BLOCH)
James B. Steele ('67 A&S)
» 2000 Alumnus of the Year
1980
Thomas Brown ('75 CNS)
William M. Feagans* ('54 DENT)
B. David Hartwig* ('66 PHARM)
» 2012 Legacy Award
Robin Humphrey* ('43 A&S)
Donald Lee Manford* ('63 LAW)
Corky Pfeiffer* ('75 A&S)
» Alumni Service Award
» 1985 Presidential Citation Service Award
Thomas Henry Sicking* ('51 EDU)
Frank L. Victor ('66 BLOCH)
1981
John K. Adams ('56 CNS)
Salvatore J. Enna ('70 PHARM)
Joseph William Hollis* ('48 EDU)
Kenneth D. Rudd ('43 DENT)
W. Jack Stelmach* ('49 A&S)
Burton F. Wiand* ('39 LAW)

HANS TUCH ('47, A&S)
1985 Alumnus of the Year
Tuch began a long State Department career in 1949 and served in diplomatic positions in the former Soviet Union, Bulgaria and Brazil and as U.S. Ambassador to Germany. He is the author of Arias Cabalettas and Foreign Affairs: A Public Diplomat's Quasi-Musical Memoir.

1982
James K. Avery* ('45 DENT)
Thomas J. Garrison ('62 PHARM)
Carl G. Harris Jr. ('72 CNS)
Merrill A. Joslin Jr. ('60 BLOCH)
Truman Parker Stauffer Sr.* ('64 EDU)
» College of Arts & Sciences Achievement Award
Sidney L. Willens ('50 LAW)
1983
Eugene S. Butler ('74 CNS)
Newton A. Campbell ('70 BLOCH)
» 1997 Presidential Citation Service Award
Harvey H. Haynes ('70 PHARM)
Eathel E. Johnson Poe* ('61 EDU)
Robert R. Rhyme ('59 DENT)
Norman O. Sanders* ('57 LAW)
Craig Stevens* ('36 A&S)
1984
Robert M. Addison* ('51 A&S)
» School of Management Achievement Award
Clarence Kenneth Banks* ('36 A&S)
» Alumnus of the Year
Robert L. Chartrand* ('49 A&S)
Mary Lee Heim ('76 MED)
James V. Hoffman ('77 EDU)
David L. Moore ('55 DENT)
Timothy D. O’Leary ('56 LAW)
Russell Patterson ('52 CNS)
» 1990 Alumnus of the Year
1985
Mary Frank ('79 NRS)
Eva L. Frazer ('81 MED)
» 1991 Presidential Citation Service Award
» 1994 Alumnus Service Award
Thomas M. Glenn ('65 PHARM)
John I. Haynes ('60 DENT)
» Alumni Service Award
» 1992 Achievement Award
» 2004 Alumnus of the Year
Diana Walker Neve ('79 CNS)
Charles R. Page ('66 SCE)
Thomas H. Talbott* ('65 BLOCH)
George Tanaka* ('49 DENT)
Hans N. Tuch ('47 A&S)
» Alumnus of the Year
Robert C. Welch ('65 LAW)
1986
Robert Brookmeyer* ('50 CNS)
E. Virginia Calkins* ('59 EDU)
Leodis Davis ('56 A&S)
» Alumnus of the Year
Richard H. Erickson ('54 A&S)
» Alumni Service Award
» 1988 Presidential Citation Service Award
Daniel K. Hall-Flavin ('79 MED)
James Aurand Harris* ('36 A&S)
Beth Lyman ('86 NRS)
Linda G. Mayo ('81 BLOCH)
» School of Computing & Engineering Achievement Award
1987
Jerry R. Chambers (’86 EDU)
Joseph P. Chancey Jr. (’47 DENT)
>1991 Alumni Service Award
Richard R. Drisko (’56 DENT)
>Alumni Service Award
Keith G. Grafing (’68 CNS)
>Presidential Citation Service Award
William L. Pickett Jr. (’74 BLOCH)
Edward D. Robertson Jr. (’78 LAW)
Ernest L. Sjoblom (’57 PHARM)
Marcia Winsky* (’79 NRS)
Joel M. Yates (’62 A&S)

1989
Donald G. Brackhahn (’65 A&S)
>Presidential Citation Service Award
Gracia Bremer* (’18 PHARM)
>Alumni Service Award
Robert P. Fain (’70 EDU)
Thomas E. Gibbens (’70 SCE)
J. Philip Hilmes* (’36 A&S)
>School of Management Achievement Award
Nevada Ann Lee (’79 MED)
George L. Oestreich (’70 PHARM)

1990
Don R. Armacost Jr. (’68 BLOCH)
Sherry M. Burns (’72 DENT)
>Dental Hygiene Achievement Award
Wilmer B. Eames* (’39 DENT)
Dorothy V. Fauntleroy (’84 NRS)
Jack E. Gant (’54 LAW)
>Alumni Service Award
1995 Achievement Award
1998 Presidential Citation Service Award
Bernie R. Olin III (’74 PHARM)
Daniel B. Ryken (’86 SCE)
Barbara Jane Sabol (’68 EDU)
Gerald E. Kemner* (’53 CNS)
James D. Osborn (’64 PHARM)
Lynn M. Ray (’63 DENT)

1991
Vicki L. Baker (’76 EDU)
Warren R. Durrett* (’51 CNS)
Donald M. Fehr (’73 LAW)
Edward M. Freeman (’87 NRS)
Bert Y. Hayashi (’52 DENT)
David L. Hayes (’76 MED)
>Alumnus of the Year
Judith A. Hemberger (’75 PHARM)
1993 Alumna of the Year
Jamie B. Menees* (’67 DENT)
>Dental Hygiene Achievement Award
L. Elliot Shubert (’66 A&S)
Christopher F. Sirridge (’78 MED)
Janet L. Williams (’83 SCE)

1992
Gary D. Baker (’99 SGS)
>Alumni Service Award
Henry W. Bloch (’89 BLOCH)
>Presidential Citation Service Award

1993
M. Luisita Archer (’76 EDU)
Charles E. Carragher Jr. (’68 A&S)
Kermitt J. Fendler (’77 PHARM)
Leonard J. Graham (’74 A&S)
>School of Computing & Engineering Achievement Award
Forest Hanna (’62 LAW)
Miller Nichols* (’89 BLOCH)
>Presidential Citation Service Award
James C. Olson*
>Presidential Citation Service Award
Pamela R. Overman (’72 DENT)
>Dental Hygiene Achievement Award
Robert E. Peterson (’63 DENT)
Gary A. Salzman (’80 MED)
Larry E. Simmons (’99 NRS)
Richard W. Stilwell (’73 BLOCH)
Jawole Willa Zollar (’75 CNS)

1994
Patricia Wayne Caruthers (’75 EDU)
Oliver Degrate III* (’87 SCE)
Terrence P. Dunn (’73 BLOCH)
>Alumnus of the Year
Maithe Enriquez* (’02 NRS)
Monica M. Farley (’80 MED)
Mary Beth Guy (’79 PHARM)
Jacob H. Moberly* (’59 DENT)
LeRoy Pogemiller* (’67 CNS)

1995
Perry R. Cook (’85 CNS)
>School of Computing & Engineering Achievement Award
2005 Conservatory of Music & Dance Achievement Award
Fernando J. Gaitan Jr. (’74 LAW)
>Alumnus of the Year
Jo-Anne Smith Grote (’84 EDU)
Deborah Lee Jury (’87 NRS)
Gerald E. Kemner* (’53 CNS)
James D. Osborn (’64 PHARM)
Lynn M. Ray (’63 DENT)
>Dental Hygiene Achievement Award
Beth K. Smith (’76 BLOCH)
>1996 Presidential Citation Service Award
>1998 Alumni Service Award
Paul E. Steele (’78 MED)
H. Monroe Talaferro Jr. (’52 LAW)
Michele M. Thompson (’71 A&S)

2007 Legacy Award

2008
Fernando J. Gaitan Jr. (’74 LAW)
>Alumnus of the Year
Jo-Anne Smith Grote (’84 EDU)
Deborah Lee Jury (’87 NRS)
Gerald E. Kemner* (’53 CNS)
James D. Osborn (’64 PHARM)
Lynn M. Ray (’63 DENT)
>Dental Hygiene Achievement Award
Beth K. Smith (’76 BLOCH)
>1996 Presidential Citation Service Award
>1998 Alumni Service Award
Paul E. Steele (’78 MED)
H. Monroe Talaferro Jr. (’52 LAW)
Michele M. Thompson (’71 A&S)
Christine Rinck (*85 A&S)
James M. Sneed (*70 BLOCH)
Herbert Wilson Walton* (*57 LAW)

1995
Charles M. Cobb (*64 DENT)
  »Alumnus of the Year
  »2001 Presidential Citation Service Award
Patricia A. Ferris (*84 EDU)
  »Alumni Service Award
Michael D. Fitzgerald (*68 LAW)
  »Alumni Service Award
Thomas L. Helm (*74 CNS)
  »Presidential Citation Service Award
Jeanine A. Hummell (*91 NRS)
Daniel E. Jolly (*77 DENT)
  »Alumnus of the Year
Annette N. Morgan* (*78 EDU)
  »Presidential Citation Service Award
  »1996 Achievement Award
Ruth Ann Nylen (*84 PHARM)
Robert D. O’Byrne* (*55 BLOCH)
Gary O. Seabaugh (*76 EDU)
  »College of Arts & Sciences
  »Achievement Award
Michael J. Varady
  »School of Computing & Engineering
  »Achievement Award
Steven D. Waldman (*77 MED)

1996
Karol L. Bennett (*80 CNS)
Angela M. Bennett (*77 LAW)
  »2007 Alumni Service Award
Myra Christopher (*85 A&S)
Donald L. Evans (*65 A&S)
  »Alumnus of the Year
Kathryn A. Graham (*71 DENT)
  »Dental Hygiene Achievement Award
Sharlea M. Leatherwood (*81 PHARM)
Donna J. McClanahan (*91 NRS)
Grant W. Merritt (*70 DENT)
Robert D. Regnier (*78 BLOCH)
Craig K. Reiss (*83 MED)
Walter J. Whalen Jr. (*76 SCE)

1997
Lance G. Banning* (*64 A&S)
  »Alumnus of the Year
Joseph M. Banowetz (*62 CNS)
Cynthia G. Barrett (*57 DENT)
  »Dental Hygiene Achievement Award
Tara D. Christensen (*02 CNS)
  »Spotlight Award
Mary A. Clark (*74 NRS)
  »Legacy Award
James J. Dougherty Jr. (*94 SGS)
  »School of Education Achievement Award
Lori Marie Hill (*93 BLOCH)
  »School of Computing & Engineering
  »Achievement Award
James K. Hocott (*60 DENT)
Earl J. Jacobs Jr. (*86 SCE)
Rose Levine* (*31 CNS)
  »Alumni Service Award
Lisa Ann Morzel (*75 A&S)
W. Mark Roberts (*82 MED)
Dale E. Smith (*75 PHARM)
Richard P. Sprinkle* (*49 LAW)
Joy D. Wheeler (*84 BLOCH)

1998
Robert M. Arnold (*83 MED)
  »2008 Alumnus of the Year
William R. Bucker (*91 CNS)
Charles L. Dunlap (*60 DENT)
James A. Glenski (*79 MED)
  »Legacy Award
Janet Glenski Peterson (*86 EDU)
  »Legacy Award
John E. Glenski (*69 BLOCH)
  »Legacy Award
Joseph A. Glenski (*51 PHARM)
  »Legacy Award
Melissa A. Glenski (*90 PHARM)
  »Legacy Award
Robert J. Glenski (*81 PHARM)
  »Legacy Award
Roger L. Glenski (*90 BLOCH)
  »Legacy Award
Stephen J. Glenski (*91 PHARM)
  »Legacy Award
Janet Glenski Peterson (*86 EDU)
  »Legacy Award
Robert J. Glenski (*90 PHARM)
  »Legacy Award
Roger L. Glenski (*90 BLOCH)
  »Legacy Award
Walter J. Whalen Jr. (*76 SCE)

HENRY W. BLOCH AND FAMILY
2007 Legacy Award

The award recognizes the Bloch Family’s long-standing relationship with UMKC. Leon Bloch, Sr. was a 1902 Law graduate. Leon Bloch, Jr. was a 1948 Law graduate, and Henry Bloch’s children Liz Uhlmann and Robert Bloch both graduated from the College of Arts & Sciences.
THE BILL FRENCH ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD
Recognizes an alumnus/a who has demonstrated outstanding loyalty, commitment and service to the university, and received prominent public acknowledgment for his or her achievements on behalf of UMKC.

DEFYING THE ODDS AWARD
Recognizes an alumnus/a who has achieved professional and personal success despite tremendous obstacles such as financial hardship, lack of or few positive role models, or having been raised in an environment or dealt with circumstances that were not conducive to furthering their education. This individual demonstrates outstanding loyalty and commitment to the university or the Alumni Association and has rendered outstanding service to the community.

2000s

2000
Richard J. Barohn [’80 MED]
Daniel J. Bradbury [’71 A&S]

90s
Thomas M. Glenski [’85 PHARM]
>Legacy Award
Marilyn S. Harrington [’72 DENT]
>Dental Hygiene Achievement Award
Shelby Highsmith [’58 LAW]
Leigh Klein [’87 BLOCH]
James F. Mahoney Jr. [’81 SCE]
Nancy M. Mills [’79 NRS]
Larry J. Peterson* [’68 DENT]
>Alumnus of the Year
Fred H. Pryor [’69 EDU]
Leo Shalinsky [’51 PHARM]
Joseph D. Tobias [’83 MED]
1999
Barbara E. Bailey [’66 DENT]
>Alumna of the Year
Lance L. Bear [’92 MED]
>School of Computing & Engineering Achievement Award
Charles E. Bruffy [’88 CNS]
>Spotlight Award
Dennis H. Giesing [’83 PHARM]
Kathleen M. Higgins [’77 CNS]
Balaji C. S. Kumar [’90 SCE]
Diana L. McClure [’85 DENT]
>Dental Hygiene Achievement Award
Michael D. McCunniff [’83 DENT]
>Presidential Citation Service Award
Kennedy W. Merritt [’78 DENT]
Berri Jean Mitchell* [’78 NRS]
Patricia Ann Nash [’70 EDU]
Eleanor Brantley Schwartz
>President Citation Service Award
Ortrie D. Smith [’71 LAW]
>Catherine Y. Spong [’91 MED]
>2012 Alumna of the Year
Michael L. Weaver [’77 MED]
>Alumni Service Award
Julie A. Welch [’87 BLOCH]
Peter H. Wu [’84 A&S]

Linda M. Collier [’82 LAW]
>Presidential Citation Service Award
Kevin R. Dye [’81 MED]
>Spotlight Award
David E. Hawes [’86 SCE]
Thomas H. Holcom Jr. [’72 BLOCH]
>Alumni Service Award
Edith Inez Houston [’86 BLOCH]
Mark F. Lehnhoff [’89 SCE]
Demetra D. Logothetis [’86 DENT]
>Dental Hygiene Achievement Award
Stanley C. McDermott [’00 PHARM]
Ann Mesle [’72 LAW]
Thomas M. Miyake [’85 CNS]
Gina Petelin [’03 MED]
>Legacy Award
Reaner G. Shannon [’83 EDU]
>2009 Bill French Alumni Service Award
Kathleen P. Simpson [’91 NRS]
Anthony J. Spalitto* [’63 PHARM]
>Legacy Award
Anthony J. Spalitto Jr. [’87 PHARM]
>Legacy Award
Elizabeth B. Spalitto [’68 DENT]
>Legacy Award
Frank J. Spalitto [’66 DENT]
>Legacy Award
Joseph P. Spalitto [’72 DENT]
>Legacy Award
Jude Ann Spalitto [’79 PHARM]
>Legacy Award
Pete A. Spalitto [’68 PHARM]
>Legacy Award
Peter J. Spalitto [’00 DENT]
>Legacy Award
Stephen K. Young [’71 DENT]
2001
Michael J. Albano [’68 LAW]
>2003 Presidential Citation Service Award
Bruce F. Barker
>Spotlight Award
Gerry J. Barker [’89 EDU]
>Spotlight Award
J. Kent Barnhart [’91 CNS]
Robert A. Blanc [’77 EDU]
>Alumnus of the Year
Dianne S. Cleaver [’81 A&S]
Joyce E. Clement [’96 NRS]
Steven M. Crowl [’97 A&S]
>School of Computing & Engineering
Achievement Award
John C. Dods* ('57 LAW)
Adele B. Eberhart ('74 DENT)
Brett L. Ferguson ('90 DENT)
Murray Ford Jr. ('79 SCE)
Wade J. Freeman Jr. ('94 BLOCH)
Rocky R. Levell ('79 PHARM)
»2007 Alumnus of the Year
Dayna Marie Martin ('89 A&S)
»Legacy Award
Deanna C. Martin ('78 EDU)
»Alumna of the Year
Gene R. Martin ('53 LAW)
*Legacy Award
Lee W. Martin ('60 BLOCH)
Michael L. Martin ('71 BLOCH)
»Legacy Award
Marianna Martin Sockrider ('83 MED)
»Legacy Award
»2010 School of Medicine Achievement Award
W. June Martin* ('69 EDU)
»Legacy Award
Laurie Martin-Schulze ('04 LAW)
»Legacy Award
Marcia L. McCoy ('97 NRS)
>Alumni Service Award
Burnele V. Powell ('70 EDU)
Annette M. Quick ('84 MED)
Greg T. Spies ('83 LAW)
Kimberley S. Spies ('83 LAW)
>Legacy Award
Robert G. Ulrich ('72 LAW)
>Alumni Service Award
2003
Angela Angotti ('05 A&S)
>Legacy Award
Michael J. Brown ('96 SBS)
>2013 Legacy Award
Jonathan R. Cohn ('97 BLOCH)
2002
Eric E. Anderson ('79 CNS)
Kathryn A. Ballou ('92 NRS)
Kimberly K. Bray ('88 DENT)
Dental Hygiene Achievement Award
Leonard E. Carr Jr. ('64 SCE)
Duana M. Dralus* ('69 EDU)
Kathryn C. Hardwick ('78 LAW)
>Legacy Award
D. Stanley Hite ('72 DENT)
Yvonne Cain McCay ('86 BLOCH)
Lawrence W. Moore S.J., ('81 LAW)
>Legacy Award
Stephen J. Moore ('77 LAW)
>Legacy Award
Seán D. O'Brien ('80 LAW)
Anita P. Robb ('79 A&S)
Gary C. Robb ('77 A&S)
Roger P. Rupp* ('69 DENT)
>Alumnus of the Year
George A. Russell
>Presidential Citation Service Award
John Scott Shepherd ('84 A&S)
>Spotlight Award
David A. Smith ('74 A&S)
>Alumni Service Award
Nicholas R. Smock ('02 PHARM)
Thomas L. Toth ('86 MED)
Steven L. Wilhelm ('74 A&S)
>Defying the Odds Award
2004
Mary Elizabeth Albers ('73 DENT)
>Legacy Award
J. Michael Allen ('64 DENT)
Kay Waldo Barnes ('78 BLOCH)
David A. Bates ('93 PHARM)
>2008 Spotlight Award
Diana S. Dark ('80 MED)
Linda J. Davidson ('99 EDU)
Linda W. Eddy ('67 CNS)
>Alumni Service Award
>Presidential Citation Service Award
Nathan A. Granner ('96 CNS)
Cheryl Guastello*
>Legacy Award
Christine Guastello ('04 LAW)
>Legacy Award
CHARLES BRUFFY ('88, CNS)
1999 Spotlight Award
Bruffy’s work as artistic director of the Kansas City Chorale has garnered multiple Grammy awards and international acclaim. He also serves as artistic director of the Phoenix Chorale and as chorus director for the Kansas City Symphony.
DAVID BATES (‘93, PHARM)  
2004 Alumni Achievement Award  
2008 Spotlight Award

As chief pharmacist and national pharmacy consultant of the Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response for the U.S. Public Health Service, Bates served in many natural and manmade disasters. He was Chief Pharmacist at Ground Zero in the aftermath of Sept. 11 and deployed for several hurricanes, including Katrina.

Robert L. Bloch (‘79 A&S)  
» Legacy Award  
John Mark Eberhart (‘98 A&S)  
Margaret K. Finefrock (‘87 EDU)  
Keith A. Gary (‘93 A&S)  
» School of Biological Sciences Achievement Award  
Richard L. Gibson (‘02 BLOCH)  
Dee A. Hansen (‘91 CNS)  
Thomas A. Jones (‘66 DENT)  
Susan D. McCann (‘77 PHARM)  
M. Fahim Siddiqui (‘93 SCE)  
Christine Sullivan (‘85 MED)  
Joyce D. Townser (‘96 NRS)  
Liz Uhlmann (‘81 A&S)  
» Legacy Award  
Rebecca R. Wilder (‘79 DENT)  
» Dental Hygiene Achievement Award

Elizabeth Guastello (‘06 MED)  
» Legacy Award  
George Guastello (‘37 PHARM)  
» Legacy Award  
George M. Guastello II (‘84 BLOCH)  
» Legacy Award  
Jo Marie Guastello (‘74 A&S)  
» Legacy Award  
Joseph R. Guastello (‘67 A&S)  
» Legacy Award  
Thomas D. Hyde (‘75 LAW)  
James P. Lammers (‘87 SCE)  
Salme Lavigne (‘91 DENT)  
» Dental Hygiene Achievement Award  
Steve B. Paul (‘74 A&S)  
Martha R. Ruddell (‘76 EDU)  
» Defying the Odds Award  
Bonnie L. Saucier (‘83 NRS)  
Connor W. Trinneer (‘95 A&S)  
» Spotlight Award  
Roman Tuma (‘96 SBS)

2005
Cynthia C. Amyot (‘93 DENT)  
» Dental Hygiene Achievement Award  
Elizabeth Q. Babcock (‘86 A&S)  
» Legacy Award  
Phillip G. Babcock (‘85 BLOCH)  
» Legacy Award  
James W. Benson* (‘71 A&S)  
» Alumnus of the Year  
Kathy L. Browne (‘81 PHARM)  
Damon K. Bryant (‘12 BLOCH)  
» Defying the Odds Award  
Kathy Quinn Byrne (‘83 A&S)  
» Legacy Award  
Robert F. Carpenter (‘75 A&S)  
» Spotlight Award  
Fernando Donate (‘94 A&S)  
» School of Biological Sciences Achievement Award  
Sally N. Ellis Fletcher (‘89 NRS)  
Harold B. Frye (‘73 EDU)  
» Bill French Alumni Service Award  
2006 Presidential Citation  
Service Award  
Mark A. Funkhouser (‘00 SGS)  
» Legacy Award  
Dolores Quinn Kitchin (‘86 A&S)  
» Legacy Award  
Sharon A. Lappin (‘94 SCE)  
Rob Mayer (‘96 LAW)  
Donald J. Quinn (‘62 LAW)  
» Legacy Award  
Donald J. Quinn II (‘80 LAW)  
» Legacy Award  
John M. Quinn (‘81 MED)  
» Legacy Award  
Mary D. Harkins Quinn (‘84 LAW)  
» Legacy Award  
Stanley G. Shaffer (‘79 MED)  
Jon W. Tilton (‘74 DENT)

2007
Obie Austin (‘99 NRS)  
» Defying the Odds Award  
Irvin V. Belzer (‘76 LAW)  
Steven A. Bernstein (‘91 LAW)  
» Spotlight Award  
Leon E. Bloch Jr.* (‘48 LAW)  
» Legacy Award  
Leon E. Bloch Sr.* (‘1902 LAW)  
» Legacy Award

UMKC ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR
Recognizes an alumnus/a who has achieved eminence in his or her professional field; made contributions to education, science, the arts or human welfare of national or international significance, and rendered outstanding service to society.

SPOTLIGHT AWARD
Recognizes an alumnus/a, faculty member, student and/or constituent leader whose accomplishments, leadership and public service have caused regional and national attention to be focused on the university and the metropolitan area.
2008
Stanley E. Banks ('79 A&S)
» Defying the Odds Award
Ravishankar Chandrasekaran ('93 SCE)
Wendell K. Clarkston ('84 MED)
Keith A. Cutter ('89 LAW)
David B. Donovan ('89 EDU)
Pinghui Feng ('01 SBS)
Karen C. Foss ('76 A&S)
Matt Hartwig ('92 PHARM)
2012 Legacy Award
Mary L. Jones ('85 CNS)
Lynn D. Mouden ('75 DENT)
Karl D. Neff ('78 PHARM)
» Legacy Award
Lloyd L. Neff* ('18 PHARM)
» Legacy Award
Luke A. Neff* ('37 PHARM)
» Legacy Award
Lyle F. Neff* ('58 PHARM)
» Legacy Award
Melissa G. Neff ('94 PHARM)
» Legacy Award
Owen H. Neff Sr. ('54 PHARM)
» Legacy Award
Owen H. Neff Jr. ('81 PHARM)
» Legacy Award
Philip A. Neff ('86 SCE)
» Legacy Award
Freda A. Mendez Smith ('80 A&S)
» Bill French Alumni Service Award
Peggy A. Ward-Smith ('98 NRS)
Alan W. Weber ('93 BLOCH)
Karen B. Williams ('85 DENT)
2010 Legacy Award
Rebekah Presson Mosby ('87 A&S)
Joseph Seabrooks ('01 EDU)
James F. Stanford ('80 MED)
Tracy L. Stevens ('90 MED)
» Spotlight Award
R. Wayne Thompson ('67 DENT)
Michael B. Wood ('79 BLOCH)
2010
Caren C. Barnes ('74 DENT)
» Dental Hygiene Achievement Award
Diane M. Beatty ('87 A&S)
» School of Biological Sciences Achievement Award
Brian D. Birdwell ('96 BLOCH)
Rita L. Blitt ('52 A&S)
» Spotlight Award
Benjamin M. Blum ('84 PHARM)
Alexandra S. Cleveland ('04 A&S)
» Legacy Award
Ashley Cleveland ('98 A&S)
» Legacy Award
Carl Cleveland Jr. *
» Legacy Award
Carl S. Cleveland III ('70 A&S)
» Legacy Award
Carl S. Cleveland IV ('96 SBS)
» Legacy Award
2011
Ann Battrell ('07 DENT)
» Dental Hygiene Achievement Award
Irene Caudillo ('90 BLOCH)
» Legacy Award
Joe B. Freeman ('93 BLOCH)
Stephanie Karst ('00 SBS)
Michelle LaPointe ('80 A&S)
» Bill French Alumni Service Award
» Presidential Citation Service Award
Peter S. Levi ('71 LAW)
Mutuku John Mutinga ('68 A&S)
» Defying the Odds Award
Steve L. Obenhaus ('88 EDU)
Mamta Reddy ('98 MED)
Durwin D. Rice ('78 A&S)
DOUGLAS ENDERLE ('81, A&S)
2010 Alumnus of the Year
Emmy-award winning senior costume designer for Walt Disney Entertainment, Enderle designs costumes for performers and characters in Disney's parks, television specials, cruises and attractions throughout the world. His designs also appeared on more than 20,000 individuals in the opening ceremonies of the Pan American Games.
Len C. Rodman (SCE)
Mikel J. Rouse (‘78 CNS)
Arthur Salazar (‘10 LAW)
» Legacy Award
Arthur M. Salazar (‘75 A&S)
» Legacy Award
Carlos E. Salazar (‘78 A&S)
» Legacy Award
Macario Salazar (‘77 BLOCH)
» Legacy Award
Tony Michael Salazar (‘74 A&S)
» Legacy Award
Virginia Salazar Bellis (‘84 A&S)
» Legacy Award
Melissa Salazar-Webster (‘06 NRS)
» Legacy Award
Paulette Spencer (‘78 DENT)
Samuel J. Strada (‘64 PHARM)
Cynthia A. Watson (‘78 A&S)
» Alumna of the Year
Debra White (‘99 NRS)
Jacquelyn Sue Witt (‘92 LAW)
» Spotlight Award
2012
Hagos E. Andebrhan (‘78 SCE)
Lajuana Counts (‘88 LAW)
» Bill French Alumni Service Award
Rennae Ellis (‘98 NRS)
Esther L. George (‘00 Bloch)
William V. Giannobile (‘91 DENT)
Lisa C. Hartwig (‘98 EDU)
» Legacy Award
Steven E. Hartwig (‘68 PHARM)
» Legacy Award
John Logan Leavitt (‘90 CNS)
Suzanne McCanles (‘97 EDU)
Alexander Mohammad Norbash (‘86 MED)
Kamlesh Patel (‘00 SBS)
David D. Sater (‘72 PHARM)
E. William Tempel (‘75 PHARM)
» Legacy Award
Frances Tydingco-Gatewood (‘83 LAW)
Patricia A. Walters (‘91 DENT)
» Dental Hygiene Achievement Award
David H. Westbrook (‘71 A&S)
» Defying the Odds Award
Yvonne S. Wilson (‘76 EDU)
» Spotlight Award
Michelle Patterson Wimes (‘88 A&S)
2013
Cynthia Marie Atwell (‘79 CNS)
» Legacy Award
Allison L. Bergman (‘96 LAW)
Lynn Jackson Brown (‘69 DENT)
Mildred E. Brown (‘98 SBS)
» Legacy Award
Ann K. Brunick (‘86 DENT)
» Legacy Award
Marla Byrne (‘86 BLOCH)
Dentistry Hygiene Achievement Award
Marla Byrne (‘86 BLOCH)
» Legacy Award
Rajiv Chilakalapudi (‘97 SCE)
Mary Coleen Daly (‘85 A&S)
» Defying the Odds Award
Mark A. Ediger (‘78 MED)
» Alumnus of the Year
Scott Falke (‘98 SBS)
» Legacy Award
Nancy A. Grasse (‘82 BLOCH)
» Legacy Award
William B. Larmer (‘75 PHARM)
Catherine A. Lewis (‘85 BLOCH)
Jennifer Anne Linn (‘86 CNS)
David Gerard Mook (‘76 MED)
» Legacy Award
Dorothy Vaiana Mook* (‘46 CNS)
» Legacy Award
Kathleen Ann Orford (‘71 A&S)
» Legacy Award
Patrick Edward Orford (‘70 A&S)
» Legacy Award
John D. Owen (‘81 MED)
Carol Ann Pecoraro (‘76 A&S)
» Legacy Award
Deborah J. Persell (‘78 NRS)
Bill N. Reinert (‘74 A&S)
Sheryl Roederer (‘00 BLOCH)
» Legacy Award
Nelson R. Sabates (‘86 MED)
» Spotlight Award
Ellen Frances Sweeney (‘79 LAW)
» Legacy Award
Michael J. Sweeney (‘78 MED)
» Legacy Award
Susan A. Sweeney (‘79 BLOCH)
» Legacy Award
Russell S. Tabata (‘67 DENT)
» Bill French Alumni Service Award
Karen E. Turner (‘80 BLOCH)
» Legacy Award
Dorothy J. Watson (‘64 EDU)
Janice A. Woods (‘75 A&S)
» Legacy Award
Michael Robert Woods (‘72 EDU)
» Legacy Award

MUTUKU MUTINGA (‘68, A&S)
2011 Defying the Odds Award
Born in a small Kenyan village where few finished fourth grade, Mutunga harnessed his experience to build a career in education and research. Today, his patents improve the lives of those suffering from malaria and insect-borne diseases. He is vice chancellor of Rusangu University in Zambia.