

Athens State University
Alumni Awards Recipients 1971-Present

2018

Mary Hovater '98 – Distinguished Alumna Award
Dr. Sheila Byrd '82 – Outstanding Alumna in Arts and Sciences Award
George Hubert '70 – Outstanding Alumnus in Business
Dr. Travis Schrimsher '97 – Outstanding Alumnus in Education
Amanda Elgin '15 – Outstanding Recent Graduate Award
Dr. Joe Brasher – Dr. Angeline Nazaretian Distinguished Service Award

2017

Nathan X. Rodriguez '14- Outstanding Recent Graduate Award
Richard J. Morris '88- Alumnus Loyalty Award
Kristopher Reisz '13- Outstanding Alumnus in Arts and Sciences Award
Charles Seifried '69- Outstanding Alumnus in Business Award
Dr. Katie Cole Kinney '97- Outstanding Alumna in Education Award
Dr. Betty Dean Newman- Deweese and Jim Beasley Appreciation Award
Senator Arthur Orr- Dr. Angeline Nazaretian Distinguished Service Award
Dale Strong '92- Distinguished Alumnus Award

2016

Ralph Freehauf '73- Distinguished Alumnus Award
Ginger Stone '04- Outstanding Alumna in Arts and Sciences
Joyce Luker '93- Outstanding Alumna in Business
Mark Lambert '02- Outstanding Alumnus in Education
Javier Morales '08- Outstanding Recent Graduate Award
Rick Mould- Deweese and Jim Beasley Appreciation Award

2015

Gayle Miriam “Mimi” Hughes '81- Distinguished Alumna Award
Kelsey Hughes Ryon '09- Outstanding Recent Graduate Award
Dr. Bert Hayes- Deweese and Jim Beasley Appreciation Award
Billy and Deborah Putman (D & B Concessions)- Deweese and Jim Beasley Appreciation Award

2014

Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried '67 & '70- Distinguished Alumna Award

2013

James Anthony Clifton '11- Distinguished Alumnus Award
Dr. Kenneth Duvivant '75- Distinguished Alumnus Award
Robert Ford '71- Distinguished Alumnus Award
Dr. Amanda Branscombe- Loraine B. Pabst Commitment to Teaching Award
Steve Clark- Distinguished Support Staff Award
Paulette Young and Classic Catering '81- Deweese and Jim Beasley Appreciation Award

2012

Julius “Chuck” Meriwether '78- Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumnus of the Year
Representative Todd Greeson '97- Outstanding Alumnus in Arts and Sciences

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Sharon Zirbel '75- Outstanding Alumna in Business
Ann Entrekin '70- Outstanding Alumna in Education
Dr. Mark Durm '89- Loraine B. Pabst Outstanding Commitment to Teaching
Teresa Suit '82- Distinguished Support Staff Award
Berval and Sandi Bennett '67- Deweese and Jim Beasley Appreciation Award

2011

Mary Catherine Dickens '93- Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumna of the Year
Gail Bergeron- Loraine B. Pabst Commitment to Teaching Award
Deborah Wills '73- Outstanding Alumna in Arts and Sciences Award
Dr. Jeanne Payne '78- Outstanding Alumna in Education Award
Felicia Mucci '93- Dedicated Support Staff Award

2010

Dr. Tracy Lowery '79- Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumnus of the Year
George Williams '65- Loraine B. Pabst Commitment to Teaching Award
Lieutenant Colonel Jim Hawkins '90- Outstanding Alumnus in Arts and Sciences Award
Mark Slate '71- Outstanding Alumnus in Education Award
Lakin Collins '92- Outstanding Alumnus in Business Award
Jerald Ray Douthit '63- Clio Lovin Alumnus Loyalty Award
Celeste Bedingfield- Dedicated Support Staff Award
The News Courier- Deweese and Jim Beasley Alumnus Appreciation Award

2009

Terry Greer '89- Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumnus of the Year
Frazier Douglass- Loraine B. Pabst Commitment to Teaching Award
Brent Jordan '96- Outstanding Alumnus in Arts and Sciences Award
Suzanne Joiner '74- Outstanding Alumna in Education Award
Sandra Ables '84- Outstanding Alumna in Business Award
John Wayne King '71- Clio Lovin Alumnus Loyalty Award
Suzanne Sims '83- Dedicated Support Staff Award
Walt Merritt '69- Alumnus Spirit Award
Canebrake Golf Club- Deweese and Jim Beasley Alumnus Appreciation Award

2008

Stan Pylant '81- Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumnus of the Year
Lisa Rich- Loraine B. Pabst Commitment to Teaching Award
Dwight Cooley '74- Outstanding Alumnus in Arts and Sciences Award
Sandra Davis '70- Outstanding Alumna in Education Award
Michael Grisham '73- Outstanding Alumnus in Business Award
Jerry Bradford- Dedicated Support Staff Award
Dan Havelly- Deweese and Jim Beasley Alumnus Appreciation Award

2007

Robin Carter Clem '94- Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumna of the Year
Dorothy Gasbarro '80- Loraine B. Pabst Commitment to Teaching Award

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Dwight Gooch '81- Outstanding Alumnus in Arts and Sciences Award
Donald Entrekin '69- Outstanding Alumnus in Education Award
Melisa Zwilling '95- Outstanding Alumna in Business Award
Mike English '72- Clio Lovin Alumnus Loyalty Award
Lisa Payne '91- Dedicated Support Staff Award
Carol Malone '75- Alumna Spirit Award

2006

Sheriff Mike Blakely '81- Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumnus of the Year
Dr. Robert Burkhardt- Loraine B. Pabst Commitment to Teaching Award
Bonny O'Brien-Fannell '97- Outstanding Alumna in Arts and Sciences
Martha Garner Chandler '70- Outstanding Alumna in Education Award
David W. Poole '81- Outstanding Alumnus in Business Award
Mack Vinson '53- Clio Lovin Alumnus Loyalty Award
Tracy Hicks- Outstanding Staff Award
Bob Labbe '95- Beasley Alumnus Appreciation Award

2005

Representative Mike Ball '04- Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumnus of the Year
Dr. Virginia Hamm- Loraine B. Pabst Commitment to Teaching Award
Ronald Ray Austin '76- Outstanding Alumnus in Arts and Sciences
Pam Gothart '95- Outstanding Alumna in Education Award
Dr. Brenda Harper '93- Outstanding Alumna in Business Award
Jerry Evans- Beasley Alumnus Appreciation Award
Shirley Williams '74- Clio Lovin Alumnus Loyalty Award
Penny Roberts '90- Outstanding Staff Award

2004

Dr. Glenn Conner '77- Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumnus of the Year
Dr. Joe Brasher- Loraine B. Pabst Commitment to Teaching Award
Louise Steele '41- Clio Lovin Alumna Loyalty Award
Chip Dobbs '95- Outstanding Alumnus in Business Award
Nelson Simmons '76- Outstanding Alumnus in Arts and Sciences Award
Diana Johnson '95- Outstanding Alumna in Education Award
Deborah Schaus '90- Outstanding Staff Award
Marion Allfrey and Dr. Robert Pittman- Jim and Dewese Beasley Appreciation Award

2003

Dr. Joe Slate '61- Distinguished Alumnus of the Year
Jeff Bass '81- Outstanding Alumnus in Business Award
Annelle Craig '65- Outstanding Alumna in Arts and Sciences Award
Dr. Diane Hudson '79- Outstanding Commitment to Teaching
Janet Newman-Smith '68- Alumna Loyalty Award

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Dr. Mabry Miller '37- Distinguished Alumna of the Year
Garth Lovvorn '69- Outstanding Alumnus in Business Award
Larry Sinyard '71- Outstanding Alumnus in Education Award
Dr. Jenita Smith '88 and '90- Outstanding Alumna in Arts and Sciences
Dr. Tim Jones- Outstanding Commitment to Teaching
Margaret Kaucher '39- Alumnus Loyalty Award
Senator Tom Butler- Jim and Deweese Beasley Appreciation Award
Janet Newman Smith '68- Alumna Spirit Award

2001

Jerry Newby '72- Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award
Bill Dunnivant '71- Outstanding Alumnus in Business Award
James Miner '70- Outstanding Alumnus in Education Award
Gina Hanserd '91- Outstanding Alumna in Arts and Sciences Award
Dr. Harry Joiner- Outstanding Commitment to Teaching Award
Betty Ruth-Oliver '82- Alumna Loyalty Award
Dr. Angie Nazaretian- Jim and Deweese Beasley Appreciation Award
Mason McCary '75- Alumnus Spirit Award

2000

Dr. Susan Parker '77- Distinguished Alumna of the Year Award
Joe Ann Crutcher '55- Alumna Loyalty Award
Mignon Bowers '76- Outstanding Achievement in Business Award
Vickie Linley '72- Outstanding Achievement in Education Award
Rev. Dorsey Walker '66- Outstanding Achievement in Arts and Sciences
Dr. James Haynes- Outstanding Commitment to Teaching
Billy Ray- Jim and Deweese Beasley Appreciation Award
Steve Hall- Jim and Deweese Beasley Appreciation Award
Daisey Davis- Jim and Deweese Beasley Appreciation Award
Shirley G. Bozeman '77- Alumna Spirit Award
Shirley C. Williams '74- Alumna Spirit Award

1999

James Fry '76- Alumnus of the Year
Dr. Thomas Jandebour- Commitment to Teaching
Mabry B. Miller '37- Loyalty Award
Polly Tingle Saunders '38- Loyalty Award
Mildred Haley Sutton- Loyalty Award
Joan and the late Jimmy Harris- Alumni Appreciation Award
Honorable Bud Cramer- Alumnus Appreciation Award
Dr. Mary Jane Caylor- Alumna Appreciation Award
Thomas Buford Eubanks '55- Achievement in Business
Lynn Holladay '67- Achievement in Education
Chief Compton C. Owens, III '89- Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences

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Dr. Betty Vaughn- Achievement in Science and Mathematics
Dr. Joe Brasher- Alumnus Spirit Award
Anthony F. Smith '76- Alumnus Spirit Award
John Newbill- Alumnus Spirit Award

1998

Anita Raby '70- Alumna of the Year
Annie Beadles Sanders Gish '28- Loyalty Award
Dr. Carlton Whitt- Loyalty Award
Dr. Elizabeth Hall- Commitment to Teaching
Stan Pylant '81- Achievement in Business
Kimberly LaFevor '88- Achievement in Education
William Swindell '71- Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences
Bettye Moore '79- Achievement in Science and Mathematics
Ronnie Dukes- Alumnus Appreciation Award
Doug Griffin '60- Alumnus Appreciation Award
Fred Martin, Jr.- Alumnus Appreciation Award

1997

Mack Vinson '53- Alumnus of the Year
Frances Powers Wilson '61- Loyalty Award
Dr. Curtis Coleman- Commitment to Teaching
Charles Durham '78- Achievement in Business
Dr. Nofflet D. Williams '57- Achievement in Education
Phillip Reyer '73- Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences
Debra Fuller '94- Achievement in Science and Mathematics
William Crutcher '53- Alumnus Appreciation Award
Ronnie Dukes- Alumnus Appreciation Award
James Waybright- Alumnus Appreciation Award

1996

Jill Osborne Adams '85- Achievement in Education
Mary Ellen Walters Maxwell '65- Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences
Dr. Sandra Martin McLeod '75- Alumna of the Year
Dr. Robert H. Murphree- Commitment to Teaching
Harvey Pride, Jr. '70- Achievement in Business
Johnny Rheams, Jr. '80- Loyalty Award
Dr. Frank Westmoreland '71- Achievement in Science and Mathematics
Everyone who helped raise funds for the New Library- Appreciation Award

1995

Robert Allen Tinnon '52- Alumnus of the Year
Dr. Betty Dean Newman- Commitment to Teaching
Sandra Carlisle Bennett '67- Loyalty Award
Senator Albert C. McDonald- Alumnus Appreciation Award

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Wilson White- Alumnus Appreciation Award
Michael Fessler '70- Achievement in Business
Dr. Robert Frazier '67- Achievement in Education
Reverend John S. Smith '51- Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences
Dr. William R. Harrison '76- Achievement in Science and Mathematics

1994

Dr. James Bailey '59- Alumnus of the Year
Dr. Dan Jones- Commitment to Teaching
Anna Hatchett Holland '38- Loyalty Award
Governor George C. Wallace, Sr.- Alumnus Appreciation Award
Charlie Donald '91- Achievement in Business
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried '67- Achievement in Education
Reverend Horace Bass '68- Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences
Dr. Bruce Ferguson '68- Achievement in Science and Mathematics

1993

Dr. Mark McDaniel '72- Alumnus of the Year
Dr. Myra Ashley- Commitment to Teaching
Deweese D. Beasley '36- Loyalty Award
Virginia B. Wright '91- Achievement in Business
Dr. Sandra F. Price '69- Achievement in Education
Reverend William Edd Templeton- Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences
Dr. Joseph K. McDonald '64- Achievement in Science and Mathematics
Senator Jim Smith- Appreciation Award
Representative Tommy Carter

1992

Dr. Azalia Francis Smith Moore '59- Alumna of the Year
Dr. Joe Slate '62- Commitment to Teaching
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bass '63, '75- Loyalty Award
Marty Bruce '87- Achievement in Behavioral Science
Vernon Lane '66- Achievement in Business
Janet Newman Smith '68- Achievement in Education
Nanci Pierce Kincaid '87- Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences
Kathaleen Marshall Bloomberg- Achievement in Science

1991

Dr. Mildred Caudle '52- Alumna of the Year
Dr. Penne Laubenthal '65- Commitment to Teaching
Berval Bennett '67- Loyalty Award
Kathryn Garner '89- Achievement in Behavioral Sciences
C. Leon Simmons '84- Achievement in Business
Nancy Leopard Cutts- Achievement in Education
Phillip Morris '75- Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences
George Williams '65- Achievement in Science

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Pat Powell Murrell '63- Distinguished Alumna
Harry Miller (Deceased) '34- Distinguished Alumnus
Dr. William Short- Commitment to Teaching
Professor Oba E. Belcher '61- Commitment to Teaching
Dr. Angeline A. Nazaretian- Commitment to Teaching
Dr. Lorainne B. Pabst- Commitment to Teaching
Professor Barbara Brooks- Commitment to Teaching
Dr. Mildred Witt Caudle '52- Loyalty Award

1989

Ernest Adams '85- Distinguished Alumnus
Dr. David Tucker '66- Commitment to Teaching

1988

Caroline Page '73- Distinguished Alumna
Jean Drinkard Skelton '36- Distinguished Alumna
David U. Patton '32- Distinguished Alumnus
Dr. Herman Griffin '49- Commitment to Teaching

1987

Leon Simmons '84- Distinguished Alumnus
Jerome Wenger '69- Distinguished Alumnus
Ellie Glasscox '68- Distinguished Alumna
Dr. Ronald McNutt '59- Distinguished Alumnus
John Chambers '55- Distinguished Alumnus
Elva McLin '65- Commitment to Teaching
Gayle Davis '76- Loyalty Award
Sam Burns- Loyalty

1986

Jo Ann Butler '77- Distinguished Alumna
Bobby Brooks '81- Loyalty
Bobby Newsom- Loyalty
Sandra Bennett '67- Loyalty
William Hunt '50- Loyalty

1985

Rex Cheatham '74 - Distinguished Alumnus
James Dunnivant '51- Distinguished Alumnus
Harriet Beyer '33- Loyalty

1984

Harold Murrell '64 - Distinguished Alumnus

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1983

Bill Bass '63- Distinguished Alumnus
Elizabeth Brett '50- Distinguished Alumna

1982

Billie Bass '75- Distinguished Alumna

1980

Nate Mitchell '77- Distinguished Alumnus

1975

Bill Bass '63- Distinguished Alumnus

1974

Bill Bass '63- Distinguished Alumnus

1973

Hafford Leeman '37- Distinguished Alumnus

1971

Nannie McLemore- Distinguished Alumna

No Year

Eugene Hughes '78, Distinguished Alumnus