Jerry Dean Campbell

Jerry Campbell is Chief Information Officer and Dean of the University Libraries and University Librarian of the University of Southern California. He earned his Master of Science in Library Science from Carolina in 1972, just one year after receiving his Master of Divinity degree summa cum laude from Duke. In 1982 he was awarded the Ph.D. in History from the University of Denver. Jerry Campbell headed the libraries of Southern Methodist University and Duke before moving to U.S.C. in 1995 where he is responsible for all of that institution's information resources, both traditional and electronic.

Jerry Campbell has become one of the leading research librarians in the nation. Through his work with the Council on Library and Information Resources, on whose board he serves, Campbell is leading an effort to bring all information resources used in universities into a single, comprehensive and comprehensible system. It is his goal to understand the information landscape of the modern university and to create a model that cultivates it. As Jerry himself would probably put it, he is determined that libraries and librarians not become roadkill on the information highway.

Jerry Campbell was named Distinguished Alumnus of the Year by our School of Information and Library Science in 1988. He has served on many boards and commissions, including a six-year term on the Board of Trustees of the National Humanities Center. For outstanding achievement in the field of library and information science, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is pleased to present to Jerry Dean Campbell this Distinguished Alumnus Award.
Joel Lawrence Fleishman

Few have achieved such eminence in so many ways as has Joel Fleishman, Class of 1955, Order of the Golden Fleece. He holds three degrees from Carolina and a Masters of Law from Yale. He served with distinction on Governor Terry Sanford’s personal staff and in President Kingman Brewster’s administration at Yale. He spent the bulk of his professional career as vice chancellor and later senior vice president at Duke, residing all the while in Chapel Hill. He now heads Atlantic Philanthropic Service Company, a consulting firm that advises confidential clients in their anonymous charitable giving.

Over the course of nearly four decades, Joel Fleishman has had a major hand in creating an innovative summer school at Yale, the North Carolina School of the Arts, the Sanford Institute for Public Policy at Duke, and the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research, to mention but a few of his interests. As chair of Duke’s 1986 Capital Campaign for the Arts and Sciences, he raised over $210 million—an astounding accomplishment at that time and for that purpose.

Joel Fleishman embodies the spirit of idealism, public service and high values that are the singular legacy our University imparts to its best and brightest. He is without a doubt the best thing Carolina has ever done for Duke and is one of the best we have sent forth to serve our state and nation. It with great pleasure and admiration that Alma Mater confers upon Joel Lawrence Fleishman this Distinguished Alumnus Award.
Howard Nathaniel Lee

Howard Lee might have served his native state of Georgia as ably as he has served North Carolina had it not been for a chance encounter with Frank Porter Graham. At Dr. Frank’s suggestion, Howard pursued graduate study at Carolina and earned his Master of Science in Social Work in 1966. Three years later Howard Lee was elected to the first of three terms as mayor of Chapel Hill. He was the first African American to lead a predominately white community in the South. As mayor during one of the most turbulent periods in the history of town-gown relations, Howard Lee transformed the Town’s role to one of full partnership with the University. Howard Lee next answered Governor James B. Hunt’s call to join the governor’s cabinet as secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development where he served with distinction. That was another first. No African American had ever held a cabinet post in North Carolina, not even during Reconstruction.

After a run for lieutenant governor that almost succeeded and a try for election to Congress, Howard focused his energies on founding a series of successful business enterprises. But the call to public service would not be stilled. In 1990 Howard Lee was appointed to fill a vacancy in the North Carolina Senate. He has since been elected to four full terms. A wise and thoughtful leader, Senator Lee is playing a major role in influencing public higher education in North Carolina through his advocacy of such issues as faculty salaries, graduate student support, and research support. He is largely responsible for the funding of the Tate-Turner-Kuralt Building, home of the School of Social Work, and for enactment of legislation that gave the University much-needed flexibility in managing its state appropriations.

The University has previously honored Howard Lee with the Order of the Golden Fleece, the Davie Award, and the General Alumni Association’s Distinguished Service Medal. We now confer on this stalwart friend of the University, outstanding legislator, and leading citizen of our community this Distinguished Alumnus Award.
Margaret Elizabeth Senter

Margaret Elizabeth Senter, Class of 1973, is the founder of the Concord Community Music School in Concord, New Hampshire. The School serves more than 1,100 students every week with private lessons in all instruments, ensemble and choral performance, and the study of music theory. By hosting annual residencies by active young composers, the School has made a special commitment to contemporary music. Writing pieces especially for the School’s student groups and soloists, these guest composers spend several days working with the students to prepare performances of the commissioned work and other recent music suitable for young players. The Concord Community Music School has attracted support from the Lila Wallace Reader’s Digest Fund and the National Endowment of the Arts, among other benefactors.

Peggy Senter created the School because she was determined to bring opportunities for musical education to an area that genuinely needed them. She prepared herself through courses in arts management and fund-raising at Radcliffe College, and then carried out a large-scale research project that identified Concord as a community ripe for the sort of school she had in mind. From an initial faculty of one (herself) she built a vibrant and flourishing institution that has made her one of the nation’s most influential advocates for community arts education groups.

Professor Michael Zenge says of Peggy, “I can think of no other student I have taught in my 32 years at Carolina who has so touched the lives of so many people with the direct fruits of her UNC education.” High praise, indeed, as her alma mater confers on Margaret Elizabeth Senter its Distinguished Alumna Award.
Edward Harris Wagner

Edward Harris Wagner is Director of the MacColl Institute for Healthcare Innovation at Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, a leading advisor to the National Institutes of Health, a distinguished author, and a recipient of major funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the National Cancer Institute.

Dr. Wagner joined the UNC Medical School faculty in 1971 and also matriculated in the Masters of Public Health program which he completed in the following year. He held joint appointments in the Schools of Medicine and Public Health until accepting a faculty position at the University of Washington in 1984. He has become one of the foremost health services researchers in the nation. He is renowned for his work on the effectiveness of managed health care systems and his focus on health care for chronically ill and aged patients. At Carolina, Dr. Wagner developed a reputation as one of our most effective and caring mentors for young physicians. He also developed a strong interest in research that seeks to understand the health services needs of rural populations and their health outcomes. Dr. Wagner’s pioneering study of tuberculosis among African American men in rural Edgecombe County has become an inspiring model for those who have followed in his footsteps. He has continued as a research associate at the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research, where he works on issues of rural health care in North Carolina.

Throughout his career, Ed Wagner has measured his work by the same benchmark: improvement in the patient’s quality of life. In him the University sees the best that it hopes to inspire in each of its alumni: high character, intellectual curiosity, enterprise, and deep concern for the well-being of others. We are greatly pleased to confer on Edward Harris Wagner this Distinguished Alumnus Award.