



*The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

## **Distinguished Alumna/Alumnus Awards**

Resolution adopted by the Faculty Council of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 5, 1971, as amended.

Whereas, many alumni of the University attain positions of eminence or otherwise distinguish themselves by making outstanding contributions in their respective careers, and

Whereas, the honorary degree is an inadequate means of recognition of alumni distinction since such awards are very limited in number and others as well as alumni must be considered,

Be it resolved that the University establish a special award to be called the Distinguished Alumnus(a) Award for outstanding contributions to mankind by alumni, and that a maximum of five such Awards be granted annually on University Day or on some similar special occasion.

### Eligibility and general guidelines for the Award

1. The recipients are to be recommended by a Committee on Honorary Degrees and Special Awards, on nomination by any member of the faculty. Recommendations shall be approved by the Faculty Council and Board of Trustees.
2. The recipient must be an alumnus(a) who was registered for at least one full academic year spent in residence in any College or School of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
3. The recipient must have been separated from the University for a period of at least two years.
4. The contribution to mankind can be in any worthy field such as the professions, business, government, education, research, science, art, or literature. Fields or disciplines not listed are not excluded.
5. The Award is not to be considered as a consolation prize in lieu of an honorary degree. Recipients of the Award may also be considered for an honorary degree at a later date, and vice versa.
6. Presentation of awards shall take place in an appropriate ceremony. At this ceremony, a special certificate or engraved plaque shall be presented to the recipient.
7. Names of recipients shall not be published until the Awards are made.