



Gies College of Business Awards

Distinguished Alumnus Award

Established in 1984, this award recognizes graduates of Gies College of Business for outstanding career achievement. The title and company listed with each honoree were accurate at the time the award was presented.

1984 Kenneth W. Perry '53

Professor of Accountancy, Illinois

1985 Jerome S. Gore '41

Chairman Emeritus, Hartmarx Corporation

1986 Arthur R. Wyatt '49, '50, '53

Principal, Arthur Andersen

1987 Gerald E. Schultz '63

President & COO, Bell & Howell

1988 Judd D. Malkin '59

Chairman, JMB Realty Corporation

1988 Neil G. Bluhm '59

President, JMB Realty Corporation

1989 Charles A. Bowsher '53

U.S. Comptroller General

1990 Richard H. Frank '65

President, The Walt Disney Studios

1991 Samuel K. Skinner '60

Secretary, Department of Transportation

1993 Richard L. Wellek '60

President & CEO, Varlen Corporation

1994 William G. Karnes '33

Chairman of the Board, Beatrice, *Retired*

1995 Sybil C. Mobley '64

Dean of School of Business, Florida A&M

1996 Lester H. McKeever, Jr. '55

Managing Partner, Washington, Pittman and McKeever

1997 John Brogan '36

Chairman, Ryan Insurance Group, *Retired*

1998 Stanley C. Golder '51

General Partner

Golder, Thoma, Cressey, Rauner, Inc., *Retired*

1999 Leonard C. Hoeft '47

Chairman of the Board, Wm. H. Ziegler Co., Inc., *Retired*

2000 Thomas A. Murphy '38

Chairman of the Board & CEO

General Motors Corporation, *Retired*

2001 Michael Krasny '75

Founder & Chairman, CDW Computer Centers

2002 Conrad Hewitt '58

Superintendent of Banks, State of California, *Former*

2003 Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught '52

USAF, *Retired*

2004 Avy H. Stein '77

Co-Chairman & Co-CEO, Willis & Stein Partners

2005 Albert Wohlers '39

Founder, Albert H. Wohlers & Co., *Retired*

2006 Michael Tokarz '73

Chairman, MVC Capital

2007 John D. Zeglis '69

Chairman & CEO, AT&T Wireless Service, *Retired*

2008 Douglas C. Mills '62

Chairman of the Board, First Busey Corporation

2009 Melvin L. Katten '58

Founding Partner & Senior Counsel

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP

2010 Jill Smart '81

Chief Human Resources Officer, Accenture

2011 Thomas D. Vogelsinger '73, '74

Partner, Ernst & Young, *Retired*

2012 Howard S. Engle '72

Partner, Deloitte

2013 Larry Field '61

CEO, Field Holdings, Inc.

2014 Stephen Van Arsdell '72, '73

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Deloitte, *Retired*

2015 John Ruth '59

President and Founder, Century Group 100

2016 Chris Perry '77

Partner, CIVC Partners

2017 Karen Golz '76

Global Vice Chair, Ernst & Young Global Limited

2018 Stephanie Cohen '99

Chief Strategy Officer, Goldman Sachs

2019 Kelly Loeffler '92

Chief Executive Officer, Bakkt

2020 Alan D. Feldman '74, '76
Chairman, President & CEO, Midas, Inc., *Retired*

2021 James R. Elsesser '66, '67
CEO, Interstate Bakeries, and CFO, Ralston Purina,
Retired

2022 Virginia Wilson '76
Senior Executive Vice President
& Chief Financial Officer, TIAA, *Retired*

2023 Steven M. Taslitz '81
Chairman and Co-Founder, Sterling Partners

Appreciation Award

Established in 1979, this award is presented to friends of the College and its alumni association, recognizing outstanding service to the organization. Recipients need not be graduates of the College to earn this recognition but are always Illini at heart.

1979 Lawrence W. Nortrup '49

1979 William F. Murray '34

1980 G. Preston Kendall '31

1981 Russell V. Puzey '33

1982 Lawrence W. Nortrup '49

1983 Donald C. Miller '42, '43, '48 PhD

1984 Lawrence W. Gougler '41

1985 Vernon K. Zimmerman '49, '50, '54 PhD

1986 T. Emerson Cammack

1987 Henry D. Strunk '58

1988 Thomas D. Leddy '63

1989 J. William Paquette

1990 William D. Engelbrecht '66, '72

1991 John D. Hogan

1992 David G. Siebert '89 MBA

1993 John H. Judd '71, '84 MBA

1994 David J. Downey '63, '66 JD

1995 Albert H. Wohlers '39

1996 Arthur R. Wyatt '49, '50, '53 PhD

1997 Wilma J. Smelcer '73 MBA

1998 Willard Bunn III

1999 Larry L. Austermilller '63, '65 MS

2000 Howard Thomas

2001 Frederick L. Neumann

2002 James Elsesser, Jr. '66, '67 MS

2003 Howard S. Engle '72

2004 Jeffrey H. Margolis '84

2005 Mary Kay Haben '79

2006 Norma J. Lauder '71

2007 James C. Cook '71

2008 Avijit Ghosh

2009 Neel T. Kashkari '95, '98 MS

2010 Jerry Colangelo '62

2011 Jon Corzine '69

2012 Timothy J. Reiersen '81

2013 Charles Finn '55

2014 Stephen V. King '84

2015 Larry DeBrock

2016 Tony DiTommaso '74, '76 MS

2017 Steve Miller '87

2018 Steven Shebik '78

2019 Susan Lambert Fish '79, '80 MAS

2020 Edie Stotler '68 LAS

2021 Cary D. McMillan '80

2022 Cedric D. Thurman '87

2023 Anthony J. Petullo '61