College of Business Alumni Awards

Distinguished Alumnus Award
Established in 1984; recognizes graduates of the College of Business for outstanding career achievement. Recipients hold a degree from the College of Business at Illinois.

2019 Kelly Loeffler ’92
Chief Executive Officer, Bakkt

2018 Stephanie Cohen ’99
Chief Strategy Officer, Goldman Sachs

2017 Karen Golz ’76
Global Vice Chair, Ernst & Young Global Limited

2016 Chris Perry ’77
Partner, CIVC Partners

2015 John Ruth ’59
President and Founder, Century Group 100

2014 Stephen Van Arsdell ’72, ’73
Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Deloitte, Retired

2013 Larry Field ’61
CEO, Field Holdings, Inc.

2012 Howard S. Engle ’72
Partner, Deloitte

2011 Thomas D. Vogelsinger ’73, ’74
Partner, Ernst & Young, Retired

2010 Jill Smart ’81
Chief Human Resources Officer, Accenture

2009 Melvin L. Katten ’58
Founding Partner & Senior Counsel
Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP

2008 Douglas C. Mills ’62
Chairman of the Board, First Busey Corporation

2007 John D. Zeglis ’69
Chairman & CEO, AT&T Wireless Service, Retired

2006 Michael Tokarz ’73
Chairman, MVC Capital

2005 Albert Wohlers ’39
Founder, Albert H. Wohlers & Co., Retired

2004 Avy H. Stein ’77
Co-Chairman & Co-CEO, Willis & Stein Partners

2003 Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught ’52
USAF, Retired

2002 Conrad Hewitt ’58
Superintendent of Banks, State of California, Former

2001 Michael Krasny ’75
Founder & Chairman, CDW Computer Centers

2000 Thomas A. Murphy ’38
Chairman of the Board & CEO
General Motors Corporation, Retired

1999 Leonard C. Hoeff ’47
Chairman of the Board, Wm. H. Ziegler Co., Inc., Retired

1998 Stanley C. Golder ’51
General Partner
Golder, Thoma, Cressey, Rauner, Inc., Retired

1997 John Brogan ’36
Chairman, Ryan Insurance Group, Retired

1996 Lester H. McKeever, Jr. ’55
Managing Partner, Washington, Pittman and McKeever

1995 Sybil C. Mobley ’64
Dean of School of Business, Florida A&M

1994 William G. Karnes ’33
Chairman of the Board, Beatrice, Retired

1993 Richard L. Wellek ’60
President & CEO, Varlen Corporation

1991 Samuel K. Skinner ’60
Secretary, Department of Transportation

1990 Richard H. Frank ’65
President, The Walt Disney Studios

1989 Charles A. Bowsher ’53
U.S. Comptroller General

1988 Judd D. Malkin ’59
Chairman, JMB Realty Corporation

1988 Neil G. Bluhm ’59
President, JMB Realty Corporation

1987 Gerald E. Schultz ’63
President & COO, Bell & Howell

1986 Arthur R. Wyatt ’49, ’50, ’53
Principal, Arthur Andersen

1985 Jerome S. Gore ’41
Chairman Emeritus, Hartmarx Corporation

1984 Kenneth W. Perry ’53
Professor of Accountancy, Illinois
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Appreciation Award
Established in 1979; 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.

2019 Susan Lambert Fish ’79, ’80 MAS
2018 Steven Shebik, ’78
2017 Steve Miller ’87
2016 Tony DiTommaso ’74, ’76 MS
2015 Larry DeBrock
2014 Stephen V. King ’84
2013 Charles Finn ’55
2012 Timothy J. Reierson ’81
2011 Jon Corzine ’69
2010 Jerry Colangelo ’62
2009 Neel T. Kashkari ’95, ’98 MS
2008 Avijit Ghosh
2007 James C. Cook ’71
2006 Norma J. Lauder ’71
2005 Mary Kay Haben ’79
2004 Jeffrey H. Margolis ’84
2003 Howard S. Engle ’72
2002 James Elsesser, Jr. ’66, ’67 MS
2001 Frederick L. Neumann
2000 Howard Thomas
1999 Larry L. Austermiller ’63, ’65 MS

1998 Willard Bunn III
1997 Wilma J. Smelcer ’73 MBA
1996 Arthur R. Wyatt ’49, ’50, ’53 PhD
1995 Albert H. Wohlers ’39
1994 David J. Downey ’63, ’66 JD
1993 John H. Judd ’71, ’84 MBA
1992 David G. Siebert ’89 MBA
1991 John D. Hogan
1990 William D. Engelbrecht ’66, ’72
1989 J. William Paquette
1988 Thomas D. Leddy ’63
1987 Henry D. Strunk ’58
1986 T. Emmerson Cammack
1985 Vernon K. Zimmerman ’49, ’50, ’54 PhD
1984 Lawrence W. Gougler ’41
1983 Donald C. Miller ’42, ’43, ’48 PhD
1982 Lawrence W. Nortrup ’49
1981 Russell V. Puzy ’33
1980 G. Preston Kendall ’31
1979 Lawrence W. Nortrup ’49
1979 William F. Murray ’34