

Distinguished Alumni Award

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes alumni who have outstanding records of achievement in their careers, demonstrate leadership qualities, contribute to public and community affairs, and show support for Piedmont University, its students, faculty, and alumni.

1971 Zach S. Henderson and Claude L. Purcell

1980 James R. Taylor

1981 Carroll T. Love and Mary L. Griggs

1982 E. Luther Buice and Jesse F. Stinecipher

1983 Elmer T. Welch

1984 Maxie F. Skinner

1985 Horace W. Sturgis

1986 Joseph W. Griggs and Lucile O. Beane

1987 Philip L. Landrum

1988 Joseph A. Boyd, Jr.

1989 Pat Hallford

1990 J. Philip Bowen

1991 Para Lee Brock

1992 Jack K. Acree and M. Reynolds Bush

1993 Sam H. Flint and Earl D. Higdon

1994 Billy E. Frye

1995 Nelle Farr Singleton

1996 Thomas H. Riden

1997 Robert E. Bowman, Jr. and Howard L. Parris

1998 William F. Prokasy and Glenn W. (Jack) Ellard

1999 Eugene W. Owen

2000 John C. Foster

2001 J. Philip Ballard, Jr. and D. Herbert Long

2002 Bobby R. Bagley and Charles K. Sewell

2003 Howard (Doc) Ayers and E. Brown Pinkston

2004 Edward D. Ariail

2005 W. Anderson Dillworth and W. Vance Grant

2006 W. Lloyd Hunter

2007 Marvin L. Hudson

2008 Nelle Hood Higdon

2009 Marion T. Hunt

2010 Eric B. Williams

2011 Lyndol Cain

2012 Susan S. Kyle and Dwain A. Toney

2013 Gary Coker

2014 O.L. "Kal" Kelehear

2015 Del Bradshaw

2016 Michael Barden (posthumous)

2017 Phillip A. Furman

2018 James F. Sievers

2019 Emiro Martinez-Osorio

2020 Kelly Girtz

2021 John Preece (posthumous)

2022 Gerald H. Dunn

2023 Dr. Marilyn Ayers-Berrong

2025 Cris Carpenter