

The "O" Award

Each year, the "O" Award is given to one ministerial individual and to one layperson who are chosen from nominations submitted to the alumni board. These individuals must represent the ideals of the University and must have distinguished themselves in their professional fields. Since 1957, the Olivet Alumni Association honors outstanding laypersons and ministerial individuals with presentation of the "O" Awards at the annual fall Homecoming celebration.

| Year | Name | Class | Award Type |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 1957 | Hugh C. Benner | 1919 | Ministerial |
| 1957 | Carl S. McClain | 1923 | Lay |
| 1958 | T. W. Willingham | 1915 | Ministerial |
| 1958 | Dwight Strickler | 1929 | Lay |
| 1959 | Byron M. Carmony | 1939 | Ministerial |
| 1959 | Mary Scott | 1929 | Lay |
| 1960 | Ronald Bishop | 1943 | Ministerial |
| 1960 | Naomi Larsen | 1933 | Lay |
| 1961 | Russell W. Birchard | 1929 | Ministerial |
| 1961 | Ray H. Moore | 1941 | Lay |
| 1962 | Sylvester T. Ludwig | 1925 | Ministerial |
| 1962 | R. Wayne Gardner | 1918 | Lay |
| 1963 | Don Gibson | 1944 | Ministerial |
| 1963 | Ruth Gilley | 1926 | Lay |
| 1964 | Clayton D. Bailey | 1950 | Ministerial |
| 1964 | Donald D. Starr | 1944 | Lay |
| 1965 | Willard H. Taylor | 1942 | Ministerial |
| 1965 | W. T. Hodges | 1951 | Lay |
| 1966 | J. Kenneth Grider | 1944 | Ministerial |
| 1966 | Selden D. Kelley | 1946 | Lay |

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| 1967 | H. S. Galloway | 1926 | Ministerial |
| 1967 | E. Fred Chalfant | 1940 | Lay |
| 1968 | Carl S. Clendenen | 1947 | Ministerial |
| 1968 | Beryl Dillman | 1949 | Lay |
| 1969 | Charles D. Ide | 1945 | Ministerial |
| 1969 | John Hanson | 1957 | Lay |
| 1970 | Fred J. Hawk | 1933 | Ministerial |
| 1970 | Gary Moore | 1949 | Lay |
| 1971 | Leslie Parrott | 1944 | Ministerial |
| 1971 | Nona Powers Kelley | 1950 | Lay |
| 1972 | Norman W. Bloom | 1945 | Ministerial |
| 1972 | James Bohi | 1962 | Lay |
| 1973 | Donald Wellman | 1951 | Ministerial |
| 1973 | Ovid Young | 1962 | Lay |
| 1974 | Millard Reed | 1965 | Ministerial |
| 1974 | Harlow Hopkins | 1953 | Lay |
| 1975 | Luther Watson | 1948 | Ministerial |
| 1975 | Richard Jones | 1950 | Lay |
| 1976 | C. Neil Strait | 1959 | Ministerial |
| 1976 | C. W. Ward | 1952 | Lay |
| 1977 | Paul Cunningham | 1960 | Ministerial |
| 1977 | Curtis K. Brady | 1977 | Lay |
| 1978 | Margaret Birchard | 1928 | Ministerial |
| 1978 | Carl R. Birchard | 1962 | Lay |
| 1979 | Robert Crabtree | 1956 | Ministerial |

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| 1979 | Samuel Roberts Keys | 1948 | Lay |
| 1980 | Jim Diehl | 1959 | Ministerial |
| 1980 | Linford A. Marquart | 1928 | Lay |
| 1981 | Joseph Nielson | 1949 | Ministerial |
| 1981 | Carolyn Eckley Lunn | 1957 | Lay |
| 1982 | Gary Henecke | 1968 | Ministerial |
| 1982 | George Dunbar | 1959 | Lay |
| 1983 | P. L. Liddell | 1948 | Ministerial |
| 1983 | Larry Watson | 1965 | Lay |
| 1984 | John Bowling | 1971 | Ministerial |
| 1984 | Jan Kiemel Ream | 1967 | Lay |
| 1985 | C. William Ellwanger | 1945 | Ministerial |
| 1985 | George Garvin | 1958 | Lay |
| 1986 | Ernest (Lenny) Wisehart | 1972 | Ministerial |
| 1986 | Arlen Milner Chenoweth | 1963 | Lay |
| 1987 | John Seaman | 1969 | Ministerial |
| 1987 | Mary Margaret Reed | 1971 | Lay |
| 1988 | Edmond P. Nash | 1966 | Ministerial |
| 1988 | Ray Dafoe | 1949 | Lay |
| 1989 | Paul Jetter | 1969 | Ministerial |
| 1989 | Lora Hiatt Donoho | 1953 | Lay |
| 1990 | Wendell Wellman | 1939 | Ministerial |
| 1990 | Chuck Watson | 1971 | Lay |
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| 1992 | Lindell & Kay (Embick) Browning | 1972 | Ministerial |
| 1992 | Sharell Mikesell | 1965 | Lay |
| 1993 | Dale E. Galloway | 1963 | Ministerial |
| 1993 | Mary Lou Carney | 1973 | Lay |
| 1994 | James Mellish | 1959 | Ministerial |
| 1994 | Donald Bell | 1953 | Lay |
| 1995 | Ted Lee | 1968 | Ministerial |
| 1995 | Harry Dickerson | 1950 | Lay |
| 1996 | Charles Higgins | 1948 | Ministerial |
| 1996 | Leah Marangu | 1965 | Lay |
| 1997 | Don Dunnington | 1970 | Ministerial |
| 1997 | Miriam Hall | 1959 | Lay |
| 1998 | Chuck Millhuff | 1960 | Ministerial |
| 1998 | Richard Felix | 1963 | Lay |
| 1999 | Fred Fullerton | 1977 | Ministerial |
| 1999 | Harvey Humble | 1935 | Lay |
| 2000 | Dennis Apple | 1966 | Ministerial |
| 2000 | Peggy Stark | 1971 | Lay |
| 2001 | Roger McMurrin | 1961 | Ministerial |
| 2001 | Steven Kaiser | 1969 | Lay |
| 2002 | Dennis Crocker | 1975 | Ministerial |
| 2002 | William Slattery III | 1984 | Lay |
| 2003 | Scott Chamberlain | 1987 | Ministerial |
| 2003 | Richard Sutherland | 1972 | Lay |
| 2004 | Edna Lochner | 1947 | Ministerial |

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| 2004 | Doug Perry | 1968 & 1979 | Lay |
| 2005 | Arlen & Kathryn Joyce (Hester) Jakobitz | 1966 (both) | Ministerial |
| 2005 | Fred Hardy | 1969 | Lay |
| 2006 | Rev. Robert T. Collins | 1957 & 1969 | Ministerial |
| 2006 | Les & Leslie (Young) Parrott | 1984 (both) | Lay |
| 2007 | Dr. David P. Wilson | 1972 | Ministerial |
| 2007 | Richard L. Reedy | 1967 | Lay |
| 2008 | Dr. Harold B. Graves Jr. | 1974 | Ministerial |
| 2008 | Gary Floyd | 1972 | Lay |
| 2009 | Rev. Chuck Sundberg | 1978 | Ministerial |
| 2009 | Martha (Reed) Garvin | 1959 | Lay |
| 2010 | Rev. Gordon C. Wickersham | 1947 | Ministerial |
| 2010 | Shirley Close | 1970 | Lay |
| 2011 | Neil Wiseman | 1955 | Ministerial |
| 2011 | Robert Wall | 1957 | Lay |
| 2012 | Dr. Mark Quanstrom | 1977 | Ministerial |
| 2012 | Dr. Samuel Mayhugh | 1961 | Lay |
| 2013 | Dr. Mark Hostetler | 1972 | Ministerial |
| 2013 | Robert Sloan | 1968 | Lay |
| 2014 | Dr. Edward H. Heck | 1976 | Ministerial |
| 2014 | Ralph Hodge | 1975 & 1996 | Lay |
| 2015 | Dr. Rodney Reed | 1984 & 1986 M.A. | Ministerial |
| 2015 | Dr. Donald Williamson | 1954 | Lay |
| 2016 | Rev. Larry Leckrone | 1972 | Ministerial |
| 2016 | Teresa K. Woodruff, Ph. D. | 1985 | Lay |