

# 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.

See, <https://www.olivet.edu/alumni-awards-past-recipients>

YEAR	MINISTERIAL	LAY
1957	Hugh C. Benner '19	Carl S. McClain '23
1958	T. W. Willingham '15	Dwight Strickler '29
1959	Byron Carmony '39	Mary Scott '29
1960	Ronald Bishop '43	Naomi Larsen '33
1961	Russell W. Birchard '29	Ray H. Moore '41
1962	Sylvester T. Ludwig '25	R. Wayne Gardner '18
1963	Don Gibson '44	Ruth Gilley '26
1964	Clayton D. Bailey '50	Donald D. Starr '44
1965	Willard H. Taylor '42	W. T. Hodges '51
1966	J. Kenneth Grider '44	Selden D. Kelley '46
1967	H.S. Galloway '26	E. Fred Chalfant '40
1968	Carl S. Clendenen '47	Beryl Dillman '49
1969	Charles D. Ide '45	John Hanson '57
1970	Fred J. Hawk '33	Gary Moore '49
1971	Leslie Parrott '44	Nona (Powers) Kelley '49
1972	Norman W. Bloom '45	James Bohi '62
1973	Donald Wellman '51	Ovid Young '62
1974	Millard Reed '55	Harlow Hopkins '53
1975	Luther Watson '48	Richard Jones '50
1976	C. Neil Strait '59	C. W. Ward '52
1977	Paul Cunningham '60	Curtis K. Brady '52
1978	Margaret Birchard '28	Carl R. Birchard '62
1979	Robert Crabtree '56	Samuel Robert Keys '48
1980	Jim Diehl '59	Linford A. Marquart '28
1981	Joseph Nielson '49	Carolyn (Eckley) Lunn '57
1982	Gary Henecke '68	D. George Dunbar '59
1983	P.L. Liddell '49	Larry Watson '65
1984	John C. Bowling '71	Jan (Kiemel) Ream '67
1985	C. William Ellwanger '45	George Garvin '58
1986	Ernest L. (Lenny) Wischart '72	Arlene (Milner) Chenoweth '63
1987	John Seaman '69	Mary Margaret Reed '71
1988	Edmond P. Nash '66	Ray Dafoe '49
1989	Paul Jetter '69	Lora (Hiatt) Donoho '53
1990	Wendell Wellman '39	Chuck Watson '71
1991	N/A	N/A
1992	Lindell & Key (Embrick) Browning '72	Sharell Mikesell '65
1993	Dale E. Galloway '60	Mary Lou Carney '73
1994	James Mellish '59	Donald Bell '53
1995	Ted Lee '68	Harry Dickerson '50
1996	Charles Higgins '48	Leah Marangu '65
1997	Don Dunnington '70	Miriam Hall '59
1998	Chuck Millhuff '60	Richard Felix '63
1999	Fred Fullerton '77	Harvey Humble '35
2000	Dennis Apple '66	Peggy Stark '71
2001	Roger McMurrin '61	Steven Kaiser '69
2002	Dennis Crocker '75	William Slattery III '84
2003	Scott Chamberlain '87	Richard Sutherland '72
2004	Edna Lochner '47	Doug Perry '68/'79
2005	Arlen & Kathryn Joyce (Hester) Jakobitz '66	Fred Hardy '69
2006	Rev. Robert Collins '57/'69	Les and Leslie Parrott '84
2007	David P. Wilson '72	Richard & Deborah Reedy '67
2008	Dr. Harold B. Graves, Jr. '74	Gary Floyd '72
2009	Rev. Charles Sunberg '78	Martha (Reed) Garvin '59

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2010	Rev. Gordon C. Wickersham '47	Shirley Close '70
2011	Neil Wiseman '55	Robert Wall '57
2012	Dr. Mark Quanstrom '77	Dr. Samuel Mayhugh '61
2013	Dr. Mark Hosteler '72	Robert Sloan '68
2014	Dr. Edward H. Heck '76	Ralph Hodge '75/'96
2015	Dr. Rodney Reed '84/'86 M.A.	Dr. Donald Williamson '54
2016	Rev. Larry Leckrone '72	Dr. Teresa Woodruff '85
2017	David Graves '75	Suzanne Bell '98
2018	Lisa Lehman '93	Lowell Short '79
2019	Rev. Tara Beth Leach '05	Dr. Robert Taylor '77
2020	N/A (no Homecoming due to COVID restrictions)	N/A (no Homecoming due to COVID restrictions)
2021	Rev. Robert "Rob" Prince, Jr. '85	Richard "Rick" Dykhouse, J.D. '85
2022	Dr. Don Reddick '79	Dr. Stephen and Joy (Mercer) Yoon '99