

## **Alumni Association's Alumni of the Year Honorees**

*(presented in May in Chicago, Illinois)*

**2020** – Nomination postponed.

**2019** – Nomination postponed.

### **2018 Alumna of the Year**

Carol L. Campbell (BA '98)  
Managing Director of Customer Experience  
Insight & Analytics, Delta Airlines

### **2017 Alumni of the Year**

John M. Duffey (BA '82) and Rebecca J. Duffey (BA '82)  
President and Chief Executive Officer, Six Flags Entertainment

### **2016 Alumnus of the Year**

Peter J. Weien (BA '81)  
General Manager & Senior Vice President, Regional Operations  
Gaylord Entertainment

### **2015 Alumnus of the Year**

Billy Downs (BA '88)  
Special Events Director, Team World Vision

### **2014 Alumnus of the Year**

Stuart Wolff (BA '82)  
Executive Vice President – Midwest, Acosta Sales & Marketing

### **2013 Alumnus of the Year**

Steve Wagenheim (BA '77)  
President & Founder, Granite City Food & Brewery

### **2012 Alumna of the Year**

Judith Zehnder Keller (BA '67, MBA '73)  
President/Owner, Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn

### **2011 Alumnus of the Year**

David C. George (BA '79)  
President, Longhorn Steakhouse Restaurants/Darden Restaurants

### **2010 Alumnus of the Year**

Ken Weber (BA '77)  
President, Weber's Inn & Restaurant

**2009 Alumnus of the Year**

Dan E. Burdakin (BA '81)  
President, Park Management Group

**2008 Alumnus of the Year**

Michael W. Murray (BA '81)  
Senior Vice President of Operations, Sage Hospitality Resources

**2007 Alumnus of the Year**

Richard D. Farrar (BA '73)  
Vice President, Owner & Franchise Services, Marriott International, Inc.

**2006 Alumnus of the Year**

Marc J. Gordon (MBA '73)  
President & Chief Executive Officer, Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association

**2005 Alumni of the Year**

Jerry L. Fournier (BA '68)  
Executive Vice President/Vice  
Chairperson of the Board  
HDS Services

Robert A. Wills (BA '70)  
Executive Vice President of Operations  
HDS Services

**2004 Alumnus of the Year**

H. Michael Rice (BA '76)  
Director of Auxiliary Services, Housing & Food Services Division of MSU

**2003 Alumnus of the Year**

Paul A. Smith (BA '66)  
Owner, The Hitching Post Inn Resort & Conference Center

**2002**

Distinguished 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year Alumni in the Hospitality Industry, Food Service Industry,  
Lodging Industry, Hospitality Education, and Club Industry

**2001 Alumnus of the Year**

William A. Zehnder (BA '71)  
President, Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Restaurant

**2000 Alumna of the Year**

Dawn M. Brogan (BA '86)  
Senior College Recruiter, Walt Disney World Company

**1999 Alumnus of the Year**

Dan W. Darrow, Jr. (MBA '61)  
President, Palm Hospitality Company

**1998 Alumnus of the Year**

Lou Weckstein (BA '58)  
Senior Vice President, Hotel Operations, Windsor Hospitality Group

**1997 Alumnus of the Year**

John A. Jordan (BA '60)  
General Manager, Cherokee Town & Country Club

**1996 Alumna of the Year**

Christine M. Hackem (BA '77)  
Regional Vice President, ARAMARK

**1995 Alumnus of the Year**

Michael H. Getto (BA '56)  
Senior Vice President, Friden Hotel Company

**1994 Alumnus of the Year**

Jerry A. McVety (BA '67)  
President, McVety & Associates

**1993 Alumnus of the Year**

Frank Arthur Banks (BA '61, MBA '62)  
General Manager, RIHGA Royal Hotel

**1992 Alumnus of the Year**

Richard P. Kolasa (BA '66)  
General Manager, Skyline Country Club

**1991 Alumnus of the Year**

John R. Weeman, Jr. (MBA '79)  
Vice President of Development, Hilton Hotels Corporation

**1990 Alumnus of the Year**

Bennett (Ben) J. Schwartz (BA '72)  
Vice President & Partner, Harper Associates

**1989 Alumnus of the Year**

Robert C. Underwood (BA '58)  
Assistant Vice President, Housing and Food Services Division at MSU

**1988 Alumnus of the Year**

Paul Novak (BA '73)  
Group Vice President of Lodging Development, Marriott Corporation

**1987 Alumnus of the Year**

William J. Horine (BA '51)  
General Manager, Holiday Inn Mart Plaza

**1986 Alumnus of the Year**

Donald E. Jankura (BA '51)  
Senior Vice President, American Hotel & Motel Association

**1983 Alumnus of the Year**

Martin A. Kreger (BA '58, MBA '68)  
Executive Vice President of Operations, Machus Red Fox Restaurants

**1982 Alumni of the Year**

Karl E. Eitel (BA '51)  
President  
Broadmoor Hotel

John P. Hawes (BA '73)  
Vice President  
Houlihan's Old Place

**1981 Alumnus of the Year**

Richard E. Cregar (BA '58)  
President, Cregar Enterprises

**1980 Alumni of the Year**

Henry W. Fisher (BA '48)  
General Partner and Vice President  
Registry Hotel

Charles M. LaTour (BA '61)  
President, Leisure Services Division  
ARAMARK, Inc.

**1979 Alumnus of the Year**

Donald Greenaway (BA '34)  
Assistant to Executive Vice President, Texas Restaurant Association

**1978 Alumnus of the Year**

Kenneth D. Hill (BA '56)  
President, Gilbert/Robinson, Inc.

**1977 Alumnus of the Year**

John C. Brogan (BA '55)  
Senior Vice President & Director of Operations  
Sheraton Corporation

**1976 Alumnus of the Year**

Leslie W. Scott (BA '35)  
Vice President for Development, Michigan State University

**1975 Alumni of the Year**

Robert F. Kershaw (BA '42)  
Director  
L.A. Pittenger Student Center at Ball  
State University

Frederick C. Teich (BA '51)  
Vice President and General Manager,  
Foods Division  
J.L. Hudson Company

**1974 Alumni of the Year**

Michael E. Hurst (BA '53)  
Owner/Operator  
New River Storehouse Restaurant

Jack C. Barksdale (BA '50)  
President, Food and Lodging Division  
Holiday Inns

**1973 Alumnus of the Year**

Ernest E. Renaud (BA '57)  
Executive Vice President, Jerrico, Inc.

**1972 Alumnus of the Year**

Raymond A. Dault (BA '50)  
Associate Professor, Food Services & Lodging Indiana University

**1971 Alumnus of the Year**

Laurice (Bud) T. Hall  
Manager, Pinehurst Country Club

**1970 Alumnus of the Year**

Stanley W. Brauer (BA '49)  
Owner, Brauer's 1861 House

**1969 Alumni of the Year**

Frank Arthur Banks (BA '61, MBA '62)                      Thomas J. Moncreiff (BA '49)  
St. Regis Sheraton Hotel

**1968 Alumnus of the Year**

Carl T. Mottek (BA '51)  
Senior Vice President, Southern Region, Hilton Hotels

**1967 Alumnus of the Year**

Jack L. Bedell (BA '48)  
President, Bedell's Restaurant

**1966 Alumnus of the Year**

Emery G. Foster (BA '33)  
Director, Food Services, Michigan State University

**1965 Alumnus of the Year**

John L. Bolhuis (BA '37)  
President, Mary Avis, Inc.