

To: School of Education Policy Council

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Subj: 2009-10 Distinguished Alumni Award Committee

The Distinguished Alumni Award (DAA) Committee met on April 5 to select the 2010 DAA recipients. Committee members present were: Robert Appelman, Lynn Boyle-Baise, Dionne Danns, Jack Humphrey, Mike Molenda, Bobbie Partenheimer, Jesse Steinfeldt, Barbara Wilcox and Sarah Baumgart. Larry Brown was absent. Mitzi Lewison is on sabbatical.

The committee reviewed six nominations. Four individuals were recommended to and approved by Dean Gonzalez. All four awardees have accepted the School's invitation to be honored in 2010. They are:

Douglas Harris, MS '64, EdD '68 Counseling & Educational Psychology – Retired,
Vice President of Knight Ridder Corporation

Earlene Holland, EdS '80 School Administration – Retired, Associate Provost
Oakland City University

Keith Jepsen, EdD '74 Higher Education – President, Global Student Loan Corp

Youngsoo Kim, PhD '83 IST – Director, Institute for Teaching & Learning, Ewha
Women's University, Seoul Korea

The remaining two nominees for 2010 will be reconsidered for a 2011 award along with any new nominations submitted for the year. It is our practice to reconsider nominees for a second year.

The 2010 recipients will be honored at a reception and banquet to be held on October 29, 2010 at 6:00 pm in Bloomington.

The committee also discussed the pool of nominees, which once again lacked alumni representing current teachers, school administrators, and other K-12 professionals. Mike Molenda volunteered to form a subcommittee to consider criteria and evaluation alignment as well as possible restructuring of the award to encourage a broader cross-section of School of Education alumni. The subcommittee will meet in May.