

The Harold H. Helm '20 Distinguished Service Award

Established in 1978, this Award is presented annually to the volunteer whose service to Annual Giving has been characterized by “exemplary and sustained performance.” It is the highest distinction Princeton confers for volunteer service to Annual Giving.

The Award honors Harold H. Helm (1900-1985), the first chairman of Annual Giving (1940-42). He was an outstanding leader for Princeton in many other roles as well, including Chairman of the Third Century Campaign (1946-49), Chairman of the Alumni Council (1940-45), and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. His high ideals, integrity, unflagging spirit, and infectious enthusiasm continue to serve today as an example of leadership of the highest order.

The Award consists of an engraved tray which is presented to the winner. Additionally, a contribution from the Harold Helm Endowment is made to the winner’s class for the current Annual Giving campaign.

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Exemplary and Sustained Service to Annual Giving

1978	J. Ebert Butterworth '16	2000	John R. Guthrie '42
1979	Buel F. Weare '25	2001	F. Tremaine Billings '33
1980	John G. Kellogg '32	2002	Kristen Ames Axon '96
1981	Arthur J. Bowen '35	2003	Arthur R. Reis, Jr. '39
1982	Robert F. Bole, Jr. '61	2004	Joseph L. Bolster Jr. '52
1983	Philip H. Schaff '42	2005	Janet Morrison Clarke '75
1984	John S. Burr '53	2006	Richard O. Scribner '58
1985	James A. Lebenthal '49	2007	James A. Henderson '56
1986	Hugh de N. Wynne '39	2008	Dennis J. Keller '63
1987	Arnold M. Berlin '46	2009	James E. Crawford, III '68
1988	Walter H. Close '37	2010	Robert Eisenstadt '63
1989	John R. Emery '52	2011	Van Zandt Williams, Jr. '65
1990	Paul G. Sittenfeld '69	2012	Frederick G. Strobel '74
1991	Winthrop A. Short '41	2013	Terri Lacy Baird & James V. Baird P06 P10
1992	David S. Thompson '39	2014	Joseph A. Caltagirone, Jr. '62
1993	John J. F. Sherrerd '52	2015	R. Kelly Doherty '81
1994	James W. Bensen '36	2016	John P. Lavelle, Jr. '85
1995	Wesley Wright, Jr. '51	2017	J. Andrew Cowherd '74
1996	John J. Loose '70 & Charles E.P. Wood '70	2018	John O. Wynne '67
1997	James J. Morgan '63	2019	Barbara McElroy '81
1998	Robert S. Murley '72	2020	Thomas C. Hoster '72
1999	Elise P. Wright '83	2021	Paul G. Haaga, Jr. '70