

## **Distinguished Alumni Award History**

2021

Kara Baylor - Witness to the World  
Ronald Glusenkamp - Called to Lead  
David Hedlin - Excellence in Parish Ministry  
John Kotovsky - Specialized Ministry  
Gary Simpson - Faithful Servant

2020

Troy Hedrick - Lifetime Service (posthumously)  
Kyle Severson - Emerging Voice  
Angela Shannon - Called to Lead

2019

Terrence "Terry" Baeder - Called to Lead  
James Fowler - Excellence in Parish Ministry  
Christopher "Chris" Heavner - Specialized Ministry  
Marilyn Olson - Faithful Servant  
Kjersten Priddy - Emerging Voice  
D. Jensen Seyenkulo - Witness to the World  
Gordon J. Straw - Lifetime Service (posthumously)

2018

Mike Blair - Specialized Ministry  
Carolyn Fredriksen - Excellence in Parish Ministry  
Paul K. Hanson - Faithful Servant  
Angela Khabeb - Emerging Voice  
Terry Kylo - Called to Lead  
Daniel Rossing - Lifetime Service (posthumously)  
Karen Soli - Witness to the World

2017

James Bickel - Faithful Servant  
Yehiel Curry - Emerging Voice  
James Lapp - Excellence in Parish Ministry  
Amy Reumann - Witness to the World  
Andrea Walker - Called to Lead  
George Zahariah - Specialized Ministry

2016

Paul Bailie - Emerging Voice

Amandus “Mandy” Derr – Faithful Servant  
Sarah Friesen-Carper – Called to Lead  
Kendra Nolde – Excellence in Parish Ministry  
Albert “Pete” Pero Jr. – Lifetime Service (posthumously)  
Martin Rafanan – Specialized Ministry  
Kathryn “Kate” Warn – Witness to the World

2015

Robert Buckley Farlee – Specialized Ministry  
Thomas Gaulke – Emerging Voice  
Inge Lempp – Witness to the World  
Craig Mueller – Excellence in Parish Ministry  
Martin Seltz – Specialized Ministry  
David Vásquez-Levy – Called to Lead  
James Wind – Faithful Servant

2014

David G. Abrahamson – Excellence in Parish Ministry  
Keun Soo Hong – Witness to the World  
Gerald Mansholt – Faithful Servant  
Jessica Nipp Hacker – Emerging Voice  
James Thomas – Called to Lead  
Diane Dardón – Specialized Ministry

2013

Javier R. Alanis – Witness to the World  
Richard Bruesehoff – Faithful Servant  
Emmanuel Jackson – Emerging Voice  
Nancy Fenuik Nelson – Called to Lead  
Linda Norman – Specialized Ministry

2012

David Carlson – Excellence in Parish Ministry  
Donald Kreiss – Witness to the World  
Kyle Rouze – Emerging Voice  
Francisco Javier Goitía-Padilla – Specialized Ministry  
David deFreese – Called to Lead  
Ralph Eckard – Faithful Servant

2011

Vernon Victorson – Excellence in Parish Ministry  
John Gosswein – Witness to the World

Tony Metz – Emerging Voice  
Paul Weber – Specialized Ministry  
Mark Anderson – Called to Lead  
William Berg – Faithful Servant

2010

Richard Bliese – Mission Leadership  
Mercedes Garcia Bachmann – Biblical Interpretation  
Robert A. Rimbo – Churchwide Service  
Dean Stewart – Stewardship of Creation

2009

Melody Beckman Eastman – Excellence in Parish Ministry  
Martin E. Marty – Faithful Servant  
Monica J. Melancton – Theological Education in the Global Church  
Frederick M. Strickert – Global Mission

2008

Vine Deloria (posthumously) – Peace and Justice  
Roger J. Gieschen – Lifetime Achievement in Church Leadership  
Ronald K. Johnson – Excellence in Parish Ministry  
Jennifer J. Thomas – First Decade  
Maxine M. Washington – Faithful Servant

2007

Abud-Massih Saadi – First Decade  
Thomas J. Minor – Faithful Servant  
Keith T. Nelson – Excellence in Ministry – Institutional Advancement  
Kathryn A. Kleinhans – Christian Educator  
Dennis A. Jacobsen – Peace & Justice

2006

Madelyn Busse – Excellence in Ministry – Leadership  
Daniel Erlander – Faithful Servant  
David E. Jensen – Excellence in Ministry – Ecumenism  
Reuben J. Swanson – Faithful Servant

2005

Arland J. Hultgren – Lifetime Achievement in Teaching  
Michael Russell – Excellence in Ministry – First decade  
Twila Shock and William Swanson – Excellence in Ministry

2004  
None awarded

2003  
Doniver H. Peterson  
M. Wyvetta Bullock

2002  
Robert N. Bacher  
Lloyd R. Kittlaus

2001  
Paul Nakamura  
Walter M. Wangerin, Jr.

2000  
Yoshiro Ishida  
Norman A. Nelson

1999  
Faye Ramsey Coddling  
John H. Tietjen

1998  
Paul E. Erickson  
Constant R. Johnson

1997  
Will L. Herzfeld  
Victor R. Schoonover

1996  
James D. Ford  
Adolph (Skip) Wachsmann III

1995  
Herbert W. Chilstrom  
Samuel J. Roth

1994  
Reuben T. Swanson  
Paul Youngdahl

1993

Gary F. Anderson

David M. Beckmann

Mary Ann Moller-Gunderson

1992

Dennis A. Anderson

Cynthia L. Krommes

1991

Roy Oswald

Earlean Miller

1990

A. Sherwood Nelson

Lee W. Wesley

1989

Alfred O. Fuerbringer

Robert V. Langseth

Viljo I. Heiman (Special)

1988

None Awarded

1987

Richard N. Jessen

Robert J. Marshall

1986

A. Eugene Larson

David Vikner

1985

Conrad Bergendoff

(Anniversary Year)

1984

Theodore E. Mattson

David T. Nelson

1983  
Larry Pinnow  
Granger Westberg

1982  
Thomas BeMiller  
George W. Carlson

1981  
Kenneth J. Dale  
Paul M. de Freese

1980  
Rudolph Kemppainen  
Hugo M. Rathkamp, Jr.

1979  
Luther Livingston  
Donovan J. Palmquist

1978  
Howard Olson  
Theodore Youngquist

1977  
Robert V. Johnson  
Luther C. Mueller

1976  
Robert P. Hetico  
Harold C. Skillrud

1975  
Gustav A. Lund  
Harold E. Olsen

1974  
George P. Bernard  
John Stephen Bremer