

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL MISSOURI

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Distinguished Alumni Awards Background

The University of Central Missouri Alumni Foundation is proud to sponsor several awards that recognize University of Central Missouri alumni for exemplary achievement and service. They are the Distinguished Alumni, Distinguished International Alumni, and Distinguished Alumni Award for Service and Distinguished Alumni Award for Early Achievement.

Our Distinguished Alumni Award honors exceptional professional achievement and extraordinary distinction in a chosen field that has a national or global impact. Our Distinguished International Alumni Award recognizes an international alumnus who has achieved similar distinction. The Distinguished Alumni Award for Service recognizes individuals who have generously shared their time, talent and resources to enhance the university, their community or both. The Distinguished Alumni for Early Achievement recognizes graduates who have excelled in their profession and/or brought honor to the university and are age 40 or younger.

Criteria across all awards:

- All qualified candidates will be eligible four years
- Any award can be given posthumously

Distinguished Alumni Award

Since 1978, the UCM Distinguished Alumni Award has honored alumni considered esteemed by their peers as the “brightest and most distinguished” in their field. They have been suggested by their friends, associates and former professors to receive the award. You, too, can suggest someone.

For the highest award honoring our alumni, recipients:

- Must have obtained an undergraduate or graduate degree from UCM
- Must have achieved career distinction on a national or international level as evidenced by peer recommendations and/or letters of support
- Must be of integrity, stature, demonstrated ability and renown, instilling pride in their fellow UCM classmates, faculty and students
- Must through deed and action, reflect and recognize the importance of their education and bring honor to UCM
- Must demonstrate leadership and service to professional organizations, community, church, etc.; affiliation with national, state, and/or local organizations; and/or national, state and/or local awards
- Must be able to attend the awards presentation, traditionally held at Homecoming
- Must not be serving on the UCM Alumni Foundation Board of Directors; be a member of the university’s Board of Governors; be a current faculty member or employee of UCM; or be an incumbent state official when the Selection Committee meets to consider nominations

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Distinguished International Alumni Award

As a world-class institution of higher education, the University of Central Missouri is proud of its long history of educating exceptional students from around the globe. Established in 2002, this award recognizes the university's distinguished international alumni who attended UCM as international students and achieved professional distinction, either internationally or nationally, and who exemplify the strength of their education at UCM.

For the highest international award, recipients:

- Must have obtained an undergraduate or graduate degree from UCM as an international student
- Must have achieved career distinction on an international level as evidenced by peer recommendations and/or letters of support
- Must be of integrity, stature, demonstrated ability and renown, instilling pride in their UCM classmates, faculty and students
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Distinguished Alumni Award for Service

The Distinguished Alumni Award for Service was established in 2012 to honor individuals who have given generously of their time, talent and resources to enhance the university, their community or both, and are a true inspiration to all UCM alumni.

For the highest service award, recipients:

- Must have obtained an undergraduate or graduate degree from UCM
- Meritorious service reflects a contribution of time, talent, or resources that enhance UCM or their community
- Must be of integrity, stature, demonstrated ability and renown, instilling pride in their UCM classmates, faculty and students
- Must through deed and action, reflect and recognize the importance of their education and bring honor to UCM
- Must demonstrate leadership and service to professional organizations, community, church, etc.; affiliation with international, national, state, and/or local organizations; and/or international, national, state and/or local awards
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Distinguished Alumni Award for Early Achievement

This award recognizes alumni who achieve early career success and must be 40 years of age or younger at the time the award is received. This was formerly the “Outstanding Recent Alumni Award.”

To be eligible, individuals:

- Must have obtained an undergraduate or graduate degree from UCM and be 40 years of age or younger
- Must have excelled in their career, civic, philanthropic, performing arts, public service, volunteer, political or similar activities
- Must be accomplished in their chosen business, profession or life as evidenced by peer recommendations and/or letters of support
- Must be of integrity, stature, demonstrated ability and renown, instilling pride in their UCM classmates, faculty and students
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