

Nominations being sought for CLAS Golden Anniversary Alumni Awards

In many ways 1959 was a remarkable year: both Alaska and Hawaii became states; the first known human with HIV died in the Congo; gasoline was at \$.25, bread at \$.20, and a postage stamp cost \$.04; the national average income hit \$5,016 and a new Ford Thunderbird could be had for \$3,250; and Bobby Darin's "Mack the Knife" topped the record charts. And, at NIU, various academic units combined to form the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

During the 2009-2010 academic year the College will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a series of special events developed both to acknowledge this significant milestone and to focus on the important role our college has played, and continues to play, in advancing the university's mission. The college's 17 departments, 2 divisions, and 7 centers, our faculty and staff, current students and alumni, are invited to participate in numerous ways and all are encouraged to share our 50 years.

As a kick-off event for the year-long celebration, the Dean, the CLAS 50th Anniversary Planning Committee, and the NIU Alumni Association will host a special event next September. Fifty of the college's alumni with outstanding accomplishments, either professionally or through involvement in civic, cultural, or service activities, will be honored at this event. Ideally, alumni representing each department, division, and center will be represented. Also, it is our goal to recognize alumni from each of the five decades of the college's history, so nominations of alumni of all ages and stages in life are welcome.

We extend to all an invitation to consider what person(s) are among our most accomplished alumni, and to nominate them for this important recognition. Chairs and directors are asked to distribute this invitation electronically or by hardcopy.

The nomination form, which includes the criteria, is available online at <http://www.niu.edu/clas/>. All nomination materials must be received by Friday, March 27, 2009. You may submit by email, mail (postmarked by March 27, 2009) or Fax. See nomination form for more details.

We look forward to the year-long celebration, and particularly look forward to recognizing a group of alumni that best exemplify the mission of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Yours,

Chris McCord
Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
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Northern Illinois University
and
CLAS 50th Anniversary Planning Committee

Northern Illinois University
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Golden Anniversary Alumni Nomination Form

You are invited to nominate alumni who have distinguished themselves after earning academic degrees from the Northern Illinois University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Our goal is to recognize alumni of all ages, and all stages in their lives and careers. The selection committee particularly looks for individuals who have achieved, or are in the process of achieving, prominence either in their professional fields or through their involvement in civic, cultural, or charitable service. As part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the college, we will honor the recipients at a gala on September 25, 2009 at Northern Illinois University.

Nominations must include 1) Nomination Form, 2) Nomination Letter (*at most two pages in length*), and 3) supplemental support materials (*up to five pages – including, for example, professional resume information, biographical information, publication lists or excerpts, newspaper articles, professional awards and recognition, civic or volunteer awards and recognition, etc.*) These materials should speak to the accomplishments of the nominee, and may speak to any aspect of their life.

I/we nominate the following individual for a CLAS Golden Anniversary Alumni Awards:

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Postal Address: _____

Nominee's E-Mail: _____ Telephone Number(s): _____

Nominee's CLAS Degree(s), including academic department(s) and date(s) awarded:

Nominated By: _____

Nominator's Postal Address: _____

Nominator's E-Mail: _____ Telephone Number(s): _____

All application materials must be postmarked or submitted electronically by Friday, March 27, 2009.

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