

**Athens State University**  
**Alumni Awards Recipients 1971-Present**

**2019**

Charlie Donald '91 – Distinguished Alumnus  
Heather Mueller '10 – Distinguished Alumna  
Laura Poe '15 – Outstanding Alumna in Arts and Sciences  
Deborah Ward '95 – Outstanding Alumna in Business  
Melanie Barkley '96 – Outstanding Alumna in Education  
Joan Prassas '73 – Outstanding Alumna in Education  
Mark Eady '10 – Outstanding Recent Grad  
Melinda Simpkins '17 – Outstanding Recent Grad  
Henri Helstowski '98 – Alumna Loyalty Award  
Betty Marks '87 – Alumna Loyalty Award

**2018**

Mary Hovater '98 – Distinguished Alumna Award  
Dr. Sheila Byrd '82 – Outstanding Alumna in Arts and Sciences  
George Hubert '70 – Outstanding Alumnus in Business  
Dr. Travis Schrimsher '97 – Outstanding Alumnus in Education  
Amanda Elgin '15 – Outstanding Recent Graduate Award  
Dr. Joe Brasher – Dr. Angeline Nazaretian Distinguished Service Award

**2017**

Nathan X. Rodriguez '14- Outstanding Recent Graduate Award  
Richard J. Morris '88- Alumnus Loyalty Award  
Kristopher Reisz '13- Outstanding Alumnus in Arts and Sciences Award  
Charles Seifried '69- Outstanding Alumnus in Business Award  
Dr. Katie Cole Kinney '97- Outstanding Alumna in Education Award  
Dr. Betty Dean Newman- Deweese and Jim Beasley Appreciation Award  
Senator Arthur Orr- Dr. Angeline Nazaretian Distinguished Service Award  
Dale Strong '92- Distinguished Alumnus Award

**2016**

Ralph Freehauf '73- Distinguished Alumnus Award  
Ginger Stone '04- Outstanding Alumna in Arts and Sciences  
Joyce Luker '93- Outstanding Alumna in Business  
Mark Lambert '02- Outstanding Alumnus in Education  
Javier Morales '08- Outstanding Recent Graduate Award  
Rick Mould- Deweese and Jim Beasley Appreciation Award

**2015**

Gayle Miriam “Mimi” Hughes '81- Distinguished Alumna Award  
Kelsey Hughes Ryon '09- Outstanding Recent Graduate Award  
Dr. Bert Hayes- Deweese and Jim Beasley Appreciation Award  
Billy and Deborah Putman (D & B Concessions)- Deweese and Jim Beasley Appreciation Award

**2014**

Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried '67 & '70- Distinguished Alumna Award

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James Anthony Clifton '11- Distinguished Alumnus Award  
Dr. Kenneth Dunivant '75- Distinguished Alumnus Award  
Robert Ford '71- Distinguished Alumnus Award  
Dr. Amanda Branscombe- Loraine B. Pabst Commitment to Teaching Award  
Steve Clark- Distinguished Support Staff Award  
Paulette Young and Classic Catering '81- Deweese and Jim Beasley Appreciation Award

**2012**

Julius "Chuck" Meriwether '78- Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumnus of the Year  
Representative Todd Greeson '97- Outstanding Alumnus in Arts and Sciences  
Sharon Zirbel '75- Outstanding Alumna in Business  
Ann Entrekin '70- Outstanding Alumna in Education  
Dr. Mark Durm '89- Loraine B. Pabst Outstanding Commitment to Teaching  
Teresa Suit '82- Distinguished Support Staff Award  
Berval and Sandi Bennett '67- Deweese and Jim Beasley Appreciation Award

**2011**

Mary Catherine Dickens '93- Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumna of the Year  
Gail Bergeron- Loraine B. Pabst Commitment to Teaching Award  
Deborah Wills '73- Outstanding Alumna in Arts and Sciences Award  
Dr. Jeanne Payne '78- Outstanding Alumna in Education Award  
Felicia Mucci '93- Dedicated Support Staff Award

**2010**

Dr. Tracy Lowery '79- Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumnus of the Year  
George Williams '65- Loraine B. Pabst Commitment to Teaching Award  
Lieutenant Colonel Jim Hawkins '90- Outstanding Alumnus in Arts and Sciences Award  
Mark Slate '71- Outstanding Alumnus in Education Award  
Lakin Collins '92- Outstanding Alumnus in Business Award  
Jerald Ray Douthit '63- Clio Lovin Alumnus Loyalty Award  
Celeste Bedingfield- Dedicated Support Staff Award  
The News Courier- Deweese and Jim Beasley Alumnus Appreciation Award

**2009**

Terry Greer '89- Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumnus of the Year  
Frazier Douglass- Loraine B. Pabst Commitment to Teaching Award  
Brent Jordan '96- Outstanding Alumnus in Arts and Sciences Award  
Suzanne Joiner '74- Outstanding Alumna in Education Award  
Sandra Ables '84- Outstanding Alumna in Business Award  
John Wayne King '71- Clio Lovin Alumnus Loyalty Award  
Suzanne Sims '83- Dedicated Support Staff Award  
Walt Merritt '69- Alumnus Spirit Award  
Canebrake Golf Club- Deweese and Jim Beasley Alumnus Appreciation Award

**2008**

Stan Pylant '81- Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumnus of the Year  
Lisa Rich- Loraine B. Pabst Commitment to Teaching Award  
Dwight Cooley '74- Outstanding Alumnus in Arts and Sciences Award

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Sandra Davis '70- Outstanding Alumna in Education Award  
Michael Grisham '73- Outstanding Alumnus in Business Award  
Jerry Bradford- Dedicated Support Staff Award  
Dan Havely- Deweese and Jim Beasley Alumnus Appreciation Award

**2007**

Robin Carter Clem '94- Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumna of the Year  
Dorothy Gasbarro '80- Loraine B. Pabst Commitment to Teaching Award  
Dwight Gooch '81- Outstanding Alumnus in Arts and Sciences Award  
Donald Entrekinn '69- Outstanding Alumnus in Education Award  
Melisa Zwilling '95- Outstanding Alumna in Business Award  
Mike English '72- Clio Lovin Alumnus Loyalty Award  
Lisa Payne '91- Dedicated Support Staff Award  
Carol Malone '75- Alumna Spirit Award

**2006**

Sheriff Mike Blakely '81- Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumnus of the Year  
Dr. Robert Burkhardt- Loraine B. Pabst Commitment to Teaching Award  
Bonny O'Brien-Fannell '97- Outstanding Alumna in Arts and Sciences  
Martha Garner Chandler '70- Outstanding Alumna in Education Award  
David W. Poole '81- Outstanding Alumnus in Business Award  
Mack Vinson '53- Clio Lovin Alumnus Loyalty Award  
Tracy Hicks- Outstanding Staff Award  
Bob Labbe '95- Beasley Alumnus Appreciation Award

**2005**

Representative Mike Ball '04- Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumnus of the Year  
Dr. Virginia Hamm- Loraine B. Pabst Commitment to Teaching Award  
Ronald Ray Austin '76- Outstanding Alumnus in Arts and Sciences  
Pam Gothart '95- Outstanding Alumna in Education Award  
Dr. Brenda Harper '93- Outstanding Alumna in Business Award  
Jerry Evans- Beasley Alumnus Appreciation Award  
Shirley Williams '74- Clio Lovin Alumnus Loyalty Award  
Penny Roberts '90- Outstanding Staff Award

**2004**

Dr. Glenn Conner '77- Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumnus of the Year  
Dr. Joe Brasher- Loraine B. Pabst Commitment to Teaching Award  
Louise Steele '41- Clio Lovin Alumna Loyalty Award  
Chip Dobbs '95- Outstanding Alumnus in Business Award  
Nelson Simmons '76- Outstanding Alumnus in Arts and Sciences Award  
Diana Johnson '95- Outstanding Alumna in Education Award  
Deborah Schaus '90- Outstanding Staff Award  
Marion Allfrey and Dr. Robert Pittman- Jim and Deweese Beasley Appreciation Award

**2003**

Dr. Joe Slate '61- Distinguished Alumnus of the Year  
Jeff Bass '81- Outstanding Alumnus in Business Award  
Annelle Craig '65- Outstanding Alumna in Arts and Sciences Award

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Dr. Diane Hudson '79- Outstanding Commitment to Teaching  
Janet Newman-Smith '68- Alumna Loyalty Award

**2002**

Dr. Mabry Miller '37- Distinguished Alumna of the Year  
Garth Lovvorn '69- Outstanding Alumnus in Business Award  
Larry Sinyard '71- Outstanding Alumnus in Education Award  
Dr. Jenita Smith '88 and '90- Outstanding Alumna in Arts and Sciences  
Dr. Tim Jones- Outstanding Commitment to Teaching  
Margaret Kaucher '39- Alumnus Loyalty Award  
Senator Tom Butler- Jim and Deweese Beasley Appreciation Award  
Janet Newman Smith '68- Alumna Spirit Award

**2001**

Jerry Newby '72- Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award  
Bill Dunnivant '71- Outstanding Alumnus in Business Award  
James Miner '70- Outstanding Alumnus in Education Award  
Gina Hanserd '91- Outstanding Alumna in Arts and Sciences Award  
Dr. Harry Joiner- Outstanding Commitment to Teaching Award  
Betty Ruth-Oliver '82- Alumna Loyalty Award  
Dr. Angie Nazaretian- Jim and Deweese Beasley Appreciation Award  
Mason McCary '75- Alumnus Spirit Award

**2000**

Dr. Susan Parker '77- Distinguished Alumna of the Year Award  
Joe Ann Crutcher '55- Alumna Loyalty Award  
Mignon Bowers '76- Outstanding Achievement in Business Award  
Vickie Linley '72- Outstanding Achievement in Education Award  
Rev. Dorsey Walker '66- Outstanding Achievement in Arts and Sciences  
Dr. James Haynes- Outstanding Commitment to Teaching  
Billy Ray- Jim and Deweese Beasley Appreciation Award  
Steve Hall- Jim and Deweese Beasley Appreciation Award  
Daisey Davis- Jim and Deweese Beasley Appreciation Award  
Shirley G. Bozeman '77- Alumna Spirit Award  
Shirley C. Williams '74- Alumna Spirit Award

**1999**

James Fry '76- Alumnus of the Year  
Dr. Thomas Jandebeur- Commitment to Teaching  
Mabry B. Miller '37- Loyalty Award  
Polly Tingle Saunders '38- Loyalty Award  
Mildred Haley Sutton- Loyalty Award  
Joan and the late Jimmy Harris- Alumni Appreciation Award  
Honorable Bud Cramer- Alumnus Appreciation Award  
Dr. Mary Jane Caylor- Alumna Appreciation Award  
Thomas Buford Eubanks '55- Achievement in Business  
Lynn Holladay '67- Achievement in Education  
Chief Compton C. Owens, III '89- Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences  
Dr. Betty Vaughn- Achievement in Science and Mathematics

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Dr. Joe Brasher- Alumnus Spirit Award  
Anthony F. Smith '76- Alumnus Spirit Award  
John Newbill- Alumnus Spirit Award

**1998**

Anita Raby '70- Alumna of the Year  
Annie Beadles Sanders Gish '28- Loyalty Award  
Dr. Carlton Whitt- Loyalty Award  
Dr. Elizabeth Hall- Commitment to Teaching  
Stan Pylant '81- Achievement in Business  
Kimberly LaFevor '88- Achievement in Education  
William Swindell '71- Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences  
Bettye Moore '79- Achievement in Science and Mathematics  
Ronnie Dukes- Alumnus Appreciation Award  
Doug Griffin '60- Alumnus Appreciation Award  
Fred Martin, Jr.- Alumnus Appreciation Award

**1997**

Mack Vinson '53- Alumnus of the Year  
Frances Powers Wilson '61- Loyalty Award  
Dr. Curtis Coleman- Commitment to Teaching  
Charles Durham '78- Achievement in Business  
Dr. Nofflet D. Williams '57- Achievement in Education  
Phillip Reyer '73- Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences  
Debra Fuller '94- Achievement in Science and Mathematics  
William Crutcher '53- Alumnus Appreciation Award  
Ronnie Dukes- Alumnus Appreciation Award  
James Waybright- Alumnus Appreciation Award

**1996**

Jill Osborne Adams '85- Achievement in Education  
Mary Ellen Walters Maxwell '65- Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences  
Dr. Sandra Martin McLeod '75- Alumna of the Year  
Dr. Robert H. Murphree- Commitment to Teaching  
Harvey Pride, Jr. '70- Achievement in Business  
Johnny Rheams, Jr. '80- Loyalty Award  
Dr. Frank Westmoreland '71- Achievement in Science and Mathematics  
Everyone who helped raise funds for the New Library- Appreciation Award

**1995**

Robert Allen Tinnon '52- Alumnus of the Year  
Dr. Betty Dean Newman- Commitment to Teaching  
Sandra Carlisle Bennett '67- Loyalty Award  
Senator Albert C. McDonald- Alumnus Appreciation Award  
Wilson White- Alumnus Appreciation Award  
Michael Fessler '70- Achievement in Business  
Dr. Robert Frazier '67- Achievement in Education  
Reverend John S. Smith '51- Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences  
Dr. William R. Harrison '76- Achievement in Science and Mathematics

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#### **1994**

Dr. James Bailey '59- Alumnus of the Year  
Dr. Dan Jones- Commitment to Teaching  
Anna Hatchett Holland '38- Loyalty Award  
Governor George C. Wallace, Sr.- Alumnus Appreciation Award  
Charlie Donald '91- Achievement in Business  
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried '67- Achievement in Education  
Reverend Horace Bass '68- Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences  
Dr. Bruce Ferguson '68- Achievement in Science and Mathematics

#### **1993**

Dr. Mark McDaniel '72- Alumnus of the Year  
Dr. Myra Ashley- Commitment to Teaching  
Deweese D. Beasley '36- Loyalty Award  
Virginia B. Wright '91- Achievement in Business  
Dr. Sandra F. Price '69- Achievement in Education  
Reverend William Edd Templeton- Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences  
Dr. Joseph K. McDonald '64- Achievement in Science and Mathematics  
Senator Jim Smith- Appreciation Award  
Representative Tommy Carter

#### **1992**

Dr. Azalia Francis Smith Moore '59- Alumna of the Year  
Dr. Joe Slate '62- Commitment to Teaching  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bass '63, '75- Loyalty Award  
Marty Bruce '87- Achievement in Behavioral Science  
Vernon Lane '66- Achievement in Business  
Janet Newman Smith '68- Achievement in Education  
Nanci Pierce Kincaid '87- Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences  
Kathaleen Marshall Bloomberg- Achievement in Science

#### **1991**

Dr. Mildred Caudle '52- Alumna of the Year  
Dr. Penne Laubenthal '65- Commitment to Teaching  
Berval Bennett '67- Loyalty Award  
Kathryn Garner '89- Achievement in Behavioral Sciences  
C. Leon Simmons '84- Achievement in Business  
Nancy Leopard Cutts- Achievement in Education  
Phillip Morris '75- Achievement in Humanities and Social Sciences  
George Williams '65- Achievement in Science

#### **1990**

Pat Powell Murrell '63- Distinguished Alumna  
Harry Miller (Deceased) '34- Distinguished Alumnus  
Dr. William Short- Commitment to Teaching  
Professor Oba E. Belcher '61- Commitment to Teaching  
Dr. Angeline A. Nazaretian- Commitment to Teaching  
Dr. Lorainne B. Pabst- Commitment to Teaching

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Professor Barbara Brooks- Commitment to Teaching  
Dr. Mildred Witt Caudle '52- Loyalty Award

**1989**

Ernest Adams '85- Distinguished Alumnus  
Dr. David Tucker '66- Commitment to Teaching

**1988**

Caroline Page '73- Distinguished Alumna  
Jean Drinkard Skelton '36- Distinguished Alumna  
David U. Patton '32- Distinguished Alumnus  
Dr. Herman Griffin '49- Commitment to Teaching

**1987**

Leon Simmons '84- Distinguished Alumnus  
Jerome Wenger '69- Distinguished Alumnus  
Ellie Glasscox '68- Distinguished Alumna  
Dr. Ronald McNutt '59- Distinguished Alumnus  
John Chambers '55- Distinguished Alumnus  
Elva McLin '65- Commitment to Teaching  
Gayle Davis '76- Loyalty Award  
Sam Burns- Loyalty

**1986**

Jo Ann Butler '77- Distinguished Alumna  
Bobby Brooks '81- Loyalty  
Bobby Newsom- Loyalty  
Sandra Bennett '67- Loyalty  
William Hunt '50- Loyalty

**1985**

Rex Cheatham '74 - Distinguished Alumnus  
James Dunnivant '51- Distinguished Alumnus  
Harriet Beyer '33- Loyalty

**1984**

Harold Murrell '64 - Distinguished Alumnus

**1983**

Bill Bass '63- Distinguished Alumnus  
Elizabeth Brett '50- Distinguished Alumna

**1982**

Billie Bass '75- Distinguished Alumna

**1980**

Nate Mitchell '77- Distinguished Alumnus

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**1975**

Bill Bass '63- Distinguished Alumnus

**1974**

Bill Bass '63- Distinguished Alumnus

**1973**

Hafford Leeman '37- Distinguished Alumnus

**1971**

Nannie McLemore- Distinguished Alumna

No Year

Eugene Hughes '78, Distinguished Alumnus