

Alumni Merit Award Recipients

First presented in 1937, the Alumni Merit Award is the UGA Alumni Association's oldest honor. Many of the university's most distinguished graduates have received this award in recognition of their superior professional achievements coupled with continued support for UGA. Past recipients include:

1937	William Dickson Anderson (BS 1891) Ferdinand Phinzy Calhoun (AB 1900)	1966	Philip H. Alston, Jr. (AB '32) Julian K. Quattlebaum (BSED '17)
1938	Hughes Spalding (BL 1910) Harold Hirsch (AB 1901)	1967	William M. Crane, Jr. (AB '21) James W. Woodruff, Jr. (M '38)
1939	William H. Barrett (1885) Marion Smith (AB 1903)	1968	Harry S. Baxter (AB '36, LLB '39) Richard W. Courts (AB '18)
1940	Frank K. Boland (AB 1897) T.W. Reed (MA 1888)	1969	William A. Sutton (BSA '27) Clarke W. Duncan (M '35)
1943	H. W. Caldwell (AB '19) Ellis Arnall (LLB '31)	1970	Philip Weltner (AB 1907) Fred C. Davison (DVM '52)
1945	Harrison Jones (AB '19) George Woodruff (M 1911)	1971	Jasper N. Dorsey (ABJ '36) Howell Cobb Erwin, JR. (AB '38, BL '41)
1946	Cam D. Dorsey (BS 1903) Pope E. Brock (AB 1911)	1972	Tom E. Greene, Jr. (BSED '42) G. Winship Nunnally (AB 1904)
1946	Cam D. Dorsey (BS 1903) Pope E. Brock (AB 1911)	1973	Robert G. Stephens, Jr. (AB '35, MA '37, LLB '41) Jesse Howlett Draper (BSA 1907)
1947	Frank D. Foley (M 1908) James Redfearn (PHG 1909)	1974	Nathaniel Krumbein (M '37) Hubert B. Owens (BSA '26, MA '34)
1948	Daniel Redfearn (BL 1909) Robert D. Troutman (BSA 1911)	1975	"Billy" Sterne, Jr. (AB '34) Monroe Kimbrel (BSA '36)
1949	Claude Scarbrough (BS 1905) Mary Creswell (SNS 1903, BSHE '19)	1976	James W. Alexander (AB '34, MA '35) D.W. Brooks (BSA '22, MSA '24)
1950	Eugene Baker (BSA 1911)	1977	J. Phil Campbell, Jr. (BSA '40) Robert G. Edge (AB '60)
1952	A.O.B Sparks (BS 1912) F.M. Bird (AB '22, BL '24)	1978	George T. Fesperman (BSC '24) Alex P. Gaines (AB '32)
1953	Robert O. Arnold (BS 1908) Herman Talmadge (LLB '36)	1979	J. Rawson Haverty (AB '41) James A. Dunlap (LLB '46)
1954	Hugh Hodgson (BS '15) Harry Hodgson (AB 1893, LLB '22)	1980	McCarthy Crenshaw (AB '33, JD '35) Daniel Hamilton Magill, Jr. (ABJ '42)
1957	Alfred Holbrook (1897) Abit Nix (AB 1910, BL 1912)	1981	Frank G. Lumpkin, Jr. (AB '40) Louis S. Sohn, Jr. (AB '40)
1958	Charles Bloch (AB 1913) Robert B. Troutman, Jr. (AB '39)	1982	Gordon Jones (BSC '41) Walter T. Forbes, Sr. (BSC '27)
1959	Roy V. Harris (AB '17) William Tate (AB '24)	1983	Albert D. Sams, Sr. (BSC '27) Aaron Cohn (LLB '38)
1960	O.C. Aderhold (BSA '23) M.J. Witman (BS 1911)	1984	Diane Davison (DVM '52) John L. Beaver (AB '33)
1961	Richard B. Russell (BL '18) Alfred Blalock (AB '18)	1985	Donald M. Hastings (BSA '22) A. Lee Rogers (ABJ '36)
1962	B. Sanders Walker (AB '30) Inman Brandon (AB '27)	1986	Irvin M. Wofford (BSA '48) John E. Bailey (BBA '50)
1963	John A. Sibley (BL 1911) Marion B. Folsom (AB 1912)	1987	Carl E. Sanders (JD '48) Alexander W. Smith III (BBA '48, LLB '49)
1964	S.A. Roddenbery (BS '38) Marvin B. Perry (AB 1912)	1988	Francis "Abit" Massey (BBA '49) Morris B. Abram (AB '38)
1965	Eugene R. Black (AB '17) Felix Hargrett (BSCE '24)		Clifford S. Campbell, Jr. (BBA '50) M. Tyus Butler (ABJ '35)
	Chappelle Matthews (M '33) William C. Hartman Jr. (BSC '37)		Bernard B. Ramsey (BSC '37) F. Werner Rogers (MED '73, EDS '74, EDD '76)
	William T. Bennett, Jr. (AB '37)		

- 1989** Dorothy Greene Boyer (ABJ '34, MA '35)
Henrietta M. Singletary (AB '67)
William J. Williamson (BBA '48)
Charles S. Sanford, Jr. (AB '58)
- 1990** Hamilton Lokey (AB '31, LLB '33)
Betty Russel Vandiver (AB '47)
S. Ernest Vandiver (AB '40, LLB '42)
- 1991** Leon A. Hargreaves, Jr. (BSF '46, MFSR '47)
Virginia Whitehead (BS '38)
- 1992** Winfred N. "Hank" Haynes (BSF '48)
H. Edsel Benson (BBA '42)
Earl T. Leonard, Jr. (ABJ '58, LLB '61)
- 1993** Irby S. Exley (BSAE '37)
Hamilton E. Holmes (BS '63)
Dolores H. "Dee" Matthews (M '58)
Hamilton McWhorter, Jr. (JB '36, AB '37)
- 1994** Paul Broun (BSAE '37)
Phil Gramm (BBA '64, PHD '67)
- 1995** Thomas B. Murphy (LLB '49)
C. Richard Yarbrough (ABJ '59)
- 1996** Betsy Tant Leebern (AB '60)
Donald Leebern, Jr. (M '60)
- 1997** William P. "Billy" Payne (AB '69, JD '73)
- 1998** Thomas G. Cousins (BBA '52)
- 1999** Zell B. Miller (AB '57, MA '58)
- 2000** Shell H. Knox (BSED '66)
Dudley L. Moore, JR. (BBA '57)
C.V. Nalley, III (BBA '66)
- 2001** Cecelia G. Seiler
Frank "Sonny" W. Seiler (BBA '56, JD '57)
- 2002** Daniel P. Amos (BBA '73)
William Randall Jones (ABJ '77)
- 2003** Betty Johnson Hudson (ABJ '71)
- 2004** George D. Busbee (BBA '49, LLB '52)
- 2005** Robert Benham (JD '70)
Monte Markham (BFA '57, MFA '60)
- 2007** Jack Davis (M '52)
- 2008** Joe Frank Harris (BBA '58)
W. Hamilton Jordan (AB '67)
- 2009** Upshaw Bentley (BBA '47, LLB '49)
- 2010** John F. McMullan (BBA '58, MBA '60)
- 2011** Mary Frances Early (MMED '62, EDS '71)
- 2012** Robert E. Argo, Jr. (BBA '50)
- 2013** Norman S. Fletcher (AB '56, JD '58)
John W. "Jack" Rooker (BBA '60)
- 2014** Charlayne Hunter-Gault (ABJ '63)
M. Douglas Ivester (BBA '69)
- 2015** C.L. Morehead, Jr. (BSA '50)
James H. Blanchard (BBA '63, LLB '65)