

The UNC Charlotte Alumni Association Awards were established in 1985 to recognize those who have made important contributions to the establishment and growth of UNC Charlotte; embody the core principles of the University; and have distinguished themselves through their outstanding service to the University, their chosen field, humanity and/or society. These awards honor alumni and friends whose careers have been distinguished by significant accomplishments or through extraordinary service to alumni, faculty, students, and communities, especially the underserved. All alumni of UNC Charlotte and its predecessor institutions are eligible for an award; however, a person must be nominated to receive consideration. The Alumni Awards Committee reviews all nominations and makes recommendations to the Alumni Association's Board of Directors beginning in January of each year. All awards applications will be considered for three years. Each nomination received will be assigned to a member of the Alumni Awards Committee who will serve as the facilitator for the award process. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (704) 687-7799 locally or 1-800-PIK-UNCC if out of the Charlotte area or 49erAlumni.uncc.edu.

ANNUAL AWARDS

The [Distinguished Alumnus/a Award](#) honors alumni who have made significant contributions to UNC Charlotte and its Alumni Association; dedicated service to the community, state or nation; and/or his or her career field through professional achievements. There are several criteria for selection: The extent to which the candidate embodies the values and core principals of the University, demonstrates extraordinary service to the University, their field, humanity, or society; provides community and national leadership in his/her profession, and has had a career that has garnered national and international recognition in ways that bring honor to the his or her profession and UNC Charlotte.

The [Distinguished Faculty Award](#) honors those faculty members who have brought distinction to themselves, credit to their academic college and university, and benefit to their communities through their vocation. Awards recognize excellence in teaching students and/or longstanding achievements, contributions, and leadership in research or academic programs at UNC Charlotte. These members of the university community are considered to be experts in their disciplines and have demonstrated a high level of civic involvement outside of their university job responsibilities.

OCCASIONAL AWARDS

The [Outstanding Young Alumnus/a Award](#) honors recent graduates of UNC Charlotte (within 10 years of graduation). This award recognizes young graduates for exceptional accomplishments, achievements, and service. Candidates can be recognized for one or more of the following: professional accomplishments, contributions to the academic community, volunteer service, and local, state and national contributions. It is expected that recipients be recognized by their peers as being truly outstanding.

The [Humanitarian Award](#) recognizes lifelong service to society or to humankind and honors those who have provided extraordinary service to their community, demonstrating leadership through global or local service. The award honors alumni and faculty who have fulfilled the obligations of their education through creative citizenship and exemplary service leadership in ways that benefit society and bring credit to the institution.

The [Bonnie Cone Lifetime Achievement Award](#) is presented on occasion to alumni for extraordinary leadership and accomplishments. It recognizes alumni who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to the university and community by giving generously of their time, energy and leadership. This award celebrates alumni whose outstanding accomplishments have brought honor and recognition to themselves and UNC Charlotte and is preserved for those who've had a transforming influence for our university and/or for their community, over a lifetime. It is the highest honor the Alumni Association bestows. To preserve the specialness of this award it is only to be given on a select and very occasional basis.

The [Honorary Alumnus/a Award](#) recognizes outstanding individuals who, while not graduates of UNC Charlotte, have made significant contributions to its educational mission. Honorees demonstrate support of education of all students, the desire to leave their own legacy at the university, and serve as models to alumni, students, colleagues and community members.