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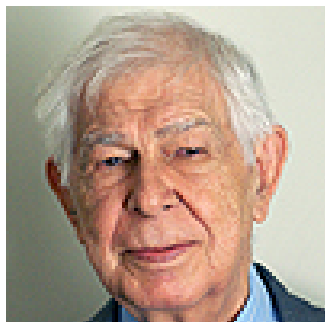
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The University of Dayton's National Alumni Association will honor five alumni for their outstanding achievements and service in the University's traditions of learn, lead and serve.

The alumni will be honored during the association's annual awards dinner Saturday, Sept. 22, at the 1700 South Patterson Building.

"Central to the University's Catholic, Marianist identity is the spirit of community and a strong desire to give back," said Anita Brothers, the University's director of alumni relations. "Our alumni awards recipients this year exemplify that spirit and that generosity."

The 2012 University of Dayton Alumni Award recipients are:

Ricardo Bressani, '48

Distinguished Alumnus Award for national or international achievements

Through his research and discoveries in nutrition and food sciences, Ricardo Bressani has helped nourish children around the world. An internationally recognized scientist born in Guatemala who taught at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Bressani's work has explored nutritional aspects of vegetable-based proteins and how they might be used to decrease malnutrition. He studied how cooking methods affect nutrition and especially from bean and legume-based diets. Bressani has earned numerous honors for his work, including the Danone International Prize for Nutrition in 2003.

Rick Pflieger '77 and Claire Tierney Pflieger '78

Christian Service Award for living out Marianist ideals in today's society

Rick and Claire Pflieger have helped meet the growing educational needs of Catholic schools in Indianapolis. Rick Pflieger, a retired vice president for North American sales at Juniper Networks, helped fund a project that has placed and networked computers in 30 inner-city schools. The couple has supported computer and renovation projects at Cathedral High School, his alma mater, and led a \$110 million campaign to support the needy for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The Pfliegers have supported the renovation of the Hangar recreation space in the University's Kennedy Union and created an endowed scholarship to help students with financial need.

Kenneth Oaks '87

Special Achievement Award for distinction in professional or civic activities

Kenneth Oaks, co-founder of Total Quality Logistics, has shaped the freight brokerage firm around the values of ethics and integrity. Founded in 1997, the firm has logged more than \$1 billion in total sales and experienced growth averaging 50 percent each year since its founding in 1997, employing about 1,500 in the Cincinnati headquarters and around the nation. Oaks and his firm have received numerous honors including a place on the Greater Cincinnati Best Places to Work list and Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year award.

Michael Lofton '05, '07

Joe Belle Memorial Award for volunteer service to students and early career achievement

Michael Lofton served two terms as St. Louis alumni chapter president and is currently vice chair of the chapter council for the National Alumni Association and a member of the board of directors. As a student, Lofton was vice president of the Student Government Association, co-chair of Red Scare, president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, chair of the United Way student campaign and co-founder of the campus chapter of the NAACP. He also served as an assistant coach for the boys' basketball teams at Oakwood High School. Lofton currently works as the director of university accounts and partnerships at Welcometocollege.com.

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