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DAYTON, Ohio — As part of Homecoming activities at the University of Dayton, seven graduates will receive 1998 National Alumni Association awards. Recipients were chosen for serving their communities and professions as well as the University.

Recipients will be honored at a reception and dinner on Friday, Oct. 16 on campus. Two are from the Dayton area.

- Barbara P. Gorman, administrative judge in the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court, will receive an award for special achievement. She earned a master’s in psychology degree from the University in 1974 and a law degree in 1977. Gorman is currently a member of the board of directors at St. Joseph’s Children’s Treatment Center and is also actively involved at Chaminade-Julienne High School.

- Gerald M. Hauer, who received a bachelor’s degree in marketing in 1956, will receive a special achievement award. In addition to serving the Dayton music community through his family business, Hauer, as president of the Rotary Club, is leading a $275,000 campaign for YouthBuild, which teaches at-risk youth construction skills. Over the past few years, Hauer has won dozens of awards for service to the community and business achievements. In 1996, he won the first Amici Musicae award from the University of Dayton’s music department for his service to the department and to music education in Dayton.

Also receiving awards are:

- Paul McEnroe, who developed the bar code that graces almost every retail product, will receive the UD Distinguished Alumnus Award. He had been interested in developing a universal product code system that would improve efficiency in the supermarket industry and, in the late 1960s, headed up an IBM team of researchers to create a vertical-bar coding system and a laser code scanner. By the late 1970s, his UPC symbol was the industry standard. McEnroe, who received an electrical engineering degree from UD in 1959, lives near Santa Barbara, Calif.

- Thomas F. Mazza will receive an award for special achievement. As executive vice president of creative affairs at Paramount Pictures Network Television, he has overseen the production of some of television’s most popular shows, including Cheers, Frasier, Wings and most of the recent incarnations of Star Trek. He oversees about $350 million worth of television production each year. Mazza, a New York native who earned a bachelor’s degree in communication arts in 1981 from UD, lives in Sherman Oaks, Calif.
• Brian R. Lowry and Renai A. Lowry will receive an award for special service. As co-presidents of the St. Louis alumni chapter in 1990, the couple started a new tradition. The chapter planned a Holy Day Mass and gathered gifts for a needy family at the city’s St. Patrick’s Center for homeless families. The project was called Christmas off Campus, and it was held on Dec. 8, the same day that UD students celebrated Christmas on Campus, a celebration for children in the Dayton community. By 1997, each of UD’s 20 alumni chapters had made Christmas off Campus a tradition, and more than 600 alumni participated in holiday service events last year. Brian Lowry earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from UD in 1979 and Renai Lowry earned a bachelor’s degree in communication arts in 1975 and a master’s in school counseling in 1980.

• Catherine O’Brien will receive an award for Christian service. As a teacher at schools in inner-city Queens and Harlem, New York, O’Brien took her students to museums, to ball games, to the Statue of Liberty and to the beach. She played guitar and invited a New York Mets player to become her class’s mentor. Last summer, she biked across the country to raise $3,000 for Shake a Leg, a rehab center for people with spinal cord injuries. O’Brien is a founding member of the Mary’s Well Faith Community, a Marianist community that provides outreach services for teens and families in New York City. She earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from the University in 1984.

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