



KING'S COLLEGE
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Alumni Awards

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: King's College seeks nominations for awards honoring graduates who have distinguished themselves through exceptional achievement. Awards are conferred upon alumni by the President of the College from among nominees solicited from the College community. Members of the faculty, staff, administration, and alumni assist the President in the selection process.

AWARD CATEGORIES

The King's College Alumni Awards for Outstanding Professional Achievement are presented by Arts and Sciences and Business (2 awards), and honor alumni who have distinguished themselves through exceptional professional achievement.

The Robert J. Ell Alumni Award for Outstanding Service to Alma Mater is conferred upon an alumnus or alumna for extraordinary service, dedication, and commitment to King's College.

The King's College Alumni Award for Service to Society is presented to an alumnus or alumna who has distinguished themselves through selfless and caring personal commitment to benefit others.

The Leo Award is presented to an alumnus or alumna within 15 years of their graduation who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in their professional or community activities. Named for the King's College mascot, it suggests the energy, pride and sense of purpose which the recipient personifies.

Awards Ceremony: The conferral of Alumni Awards by King's College President, Rev. Thomas P. Looney, C.S.C., Ph.D. Ordinarily, the recipient must be present to accept the award.

With the exception of the Robert J. Ell Award for Outstanding Service to Alma Mater, Alumni Awards ordinarily will not be conferred upon current members of the King's College faculty and staff, or upon alumni who serve on the board of directors or other advisory councils. Exceptions to this norm may be made by the president of the College.

SUBMIT A NOMINATION

Please send completed nomination forms or a brief description of the nominee and why he/she meets the criteria. Please include complete contact information for yourself and for the nominee. If possible, please include the nominee's bio or resume and support materials. Nominations are retained for five years. Visit www.kings.edu/alumni to download a nomination form as well as to view a list of previous Alumni Award recipients.

Office of Alumni Engagement
King's College
133 North River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711
(570) 208-5879
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Deadline for nominations is May 1, 2026.



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AWARD NOMINATION FORM:

Please send completed forms to the King's College Office of Alumni Engagement at: awardnominations@kings.edu, or to the address below. If possible, include the nominee's bio or resume and support material. Thank you!

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

CLASS: _____ MAJOR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ PHONE (ALTERNATE): _____

EMAIL: _____

BUSINESS NAME: _____

TITLE: _____

Choose the Award Category best suited for your nominee:

- ☐ Outstanding Professional Achievement ☐ Arts and Sciences ☐ Business
- ☐ Robert J. Ell Award for Outstanding Service to Alma Mater
- ☐ Alumni Award for Service to Society
- ☐ The Leo Award

Please consider the nominee for the following reasons: (Feel free to attach additional pages and support materials.)

YOUR NAME: _____

AFFILIATION: ☐ KING'S ALUMNUS/ALUMNA CLASS YEAR: _____

☐ Current Faculty/Staff ☐ Former Faculty/Staff ☐ FRIEND OR FAMILY ☐ Other: _____

YOUR ADDRESS: _____

YOUR PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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Contact (570) 208-5879 or awardnominations@kings.edu with any questions
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Past Recipients

The King's College Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement

2025	Matthew Weitz '13 and Susan Witherow '79
2024	Thomas Haffey D.O. '73
2023	Rachel Edelman '11 and Theresa Covert Walker '88
2022	Douglas Coslett, M.D. '85
2021	P.J. Utz, M.D. '86 and Michael Bukosky '75
2020	James Post, M.D. '92 and Gary Neilson '75
2019	John J. Godleski, M.D. '65 and Maureen Hanlon, Esq. '87
2018	Dr. Michael Intrieri '66
2017	Santo Loquasto '66 and Patrick J. Murphy, Esq. '96
2016	Nichola D. Gutgold, Ph.D. '84
2015	Daniel J. Curran, M.D. '87
2014	Brendan P. Dougher '84
2013	No award conferred
2012	Dr. Joseph Perez '55
2011	Dr. Stanley Benjamin '70
2010	Marshall Nelson '57
2009	No award conferred
2008	Denise Goodwin Pace '75
2007	Lawrence M. Sullivan, Esq. '59
2006	Bernard S. Grimm, Esq. '79 and Brian Carey '83
2005	Patrick J. O'Connor, Esq. '64
2004	Linda A. Stesney, Esq. '79
2003	Jack Sweeney '68
2002	William F. Lenahan '72
2001	Mark E. Brezinski, M.D., Ph.D. '82
2000	The Honorable Patrick A. Mulloy '63
1999	Joseph J. Mazza, M.D. '58
1998	Michael Kowalski, M.D. '67
1997	Dr. William A. Hickey '57

The King's College Alumni Award for Service to Society

2025	Keith Williams '67
2024	John M. Williams '67 and Rev. Dr. Paul V. McCullough III, LTC (USA Retired) '98
2023	Rubin '04 and April '03 Doster
2022	Timothy McDonnell '80
2021	Daniel Simpson, D.O. '13
2020	Thomas Brady, M.D. '68 and Edward Nardell, M.D. '68
2019	Margaret Bart '77
2018	Rev. John Swope, S.J. '76
2017	Robert J. Ciaruffoli, CPA '75
2016	Rev. Joseph Long, C.S.C. '54
2015	Frank J. Pasquini '71
2014	Frank J. Nemshick, Jr. '56
2013	Marie Marriggi Donnelly '92
2012	Joe Hand '80 and Margaret Hand-Cicalese '83
2011	James Leib '65
2010	Mary Lou Zerfoss '81
2009	Thomas P. McGuinness '65
2008	Greg Teufel, Esq. '91
2007	Howard B. Fedrick '64
2006	Frankie Warren '81
2005	Erin Burke Cirelli, Esq. '92
2004	Joseph "Boe" Barrett '67
2003	Robert L. Stanley '89 and Wilhelmina Hailstone-Stanley '90
2002	Melissa A. Heinlein Edoncik '97
2001	James C. Feeney '88
2000	Rev. Clement J. Podskoch '50
1999	Terry Moran Bauder '79
1998	Richard Gallagher '64
1997	Joseph DeVizia '69



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2025	Ross Schwenk '09
2024	Raymond Gerard Zavada '78
2023	James T. O'Hara, Esq. '58
2022	Matthew Kotch M.B.A. '11
2021	Marian Palmeri '77
2020	Paul Psak '07
2019	Todd Serafin '89
2018	William Eydler '70
2017	Joseph S. Falchek, Esq. '71
2016	Jennifer Domnick Mantini '98
2015	Daniel J. Green, III '07
2014	Joseph W. Balz '50
2013	Richard Adams '64
2012	Mark Sciabacucchi '05
2011	Glenn Tyranski '84
2010	Jim Bone, CPA '83
2009	Susan M. Henry '87
2008	Maureen Jordan '94
2007	Joseph J. Killian, CPA '85
2006	Nicholas Ruggiero, M.D. '57
2005	Elmer "Tippy" Kozick '50 and Lucy Wujcik Baloga '75
2004	John "Jack" Wega '69 and Mark R. Leffler '75
2003	Edward Kruska '53
2002	Joseph C. Giunta '70
2001	Kathleen Zabresky Daskalakes '82
2000	Raymond D. Kane '50
1999	John Carney '64
1998	Michael Molewski '84
1997	Robert J. Ell '50

The Leo Award

2025	Gary Lambert '10
2024	Donald E. Houseknecht '10
2023	Jessica Kuc Shappell '13
2022	Matthew L. Nice, Ph.D. '12
2021	Dr. Jaclyn Beck, PA-C '16
2020	Amy Gravino '05
2019	Patrick Ganzer, Ph.D. '08
2018	Cassandra Coleman '10
2017	John R. Bowlblis, Ph.D. '02
2016	Michael A. Lombardo, Esq. '00
2015	Jonathan Deroba '02
2014	Darren Snyder '98
2013	Jason Zoeller, Ph.D. '04
2012	Kristen Masloski '06
2011	Frederick Pettit, Esq. '96
2010	Robert J. Loftus '95
2009	Brian Vinsko, Esq. '99
2008	Janet C. Schwarzwald '94
2007	Judith Andrejko, Esq. '96
2006	J.J. Murphy '93
2005	Suzanne M. Carney '96
2004	Susan E. Unvasky '88
2003	Dr. Benjamin E. Rusiloski, III '90
2002	Charles W. Wasserott, IV '97
2001	Charles P. Kane '85
2000	Marisue Elias, Esq. '84
1999	Cecelia Murphy '90
1998	Mary Therese Biebel '82
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