Family & Friends

The University and its academic units honored several alumni and friends this fall for their achievements and service.

**Arts, Sciences & Engineering**

**JAMES S. ARMSTRONG ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD**

Dick ’63, ’66 (MS) and Vicki Proschel Schwartz ’62, active alumni for more than 50 years. Dick Schwartz is a retired senior optical engineer and Vicki Schwartz is a former teacher and community volunteer. The Schwartzes have volunteered for several alumni initiatives, including serving on class reunion committees, and both are members of the Lifelong Learning Advisory Council and the Rochester Campaign Committee in support of The Meliora Challenge. A former member of the Trustees’ Alumni Council of the College, Dick Schwartz is a member of the Hajim School of Engineering & Applied Sciences Visiting Committee.

**Jeanine Sullivan Cushman ’63,** a life trustee of the University. A community volunteer and an active Rochester alumna, Cushman was elected as a trustee in 1989 and served on the Academic Affairs Committee, the Personnel Committee, and the Warner School Trustees Visiting Committee, which she chaired from 1991 to 1993. For nearly 20 years, she has been part of the Warner School Dean’s Advisory Committee and has been a member or cochair of several Class of 1963 reunion committees.

**Eastman School of Music**

**DEAN’S MEDAL**

Ramon (Ray) Ricker ’73E (DMA), professor emeritus of saxophone and interim director of the Institute for Music Leadership. As a senior administrator at the Eastman School, Ricker was instrumental in establishing Eastman’s Institute for Music Leadership and other initiatives, including the Orchestra Musician Forum, with its website Polyphonic.org, and the Paul R. Judy Center for Applied Research. He and his wife, Judy ’76, ’81E (MM), ’91S (MBA), have established two professorships and a scholarship at the Eastman School.

**School of Medicine and Dentistry**

**DEAN’S MEDAL**

Alexander Levitan ’63M (MD), a retired internist and oncologist who practiced medicine in Minneapolis, Minn., for 30 years. Having participated in numerous surgeries in which hypnosis was used as the sole agent for pain control, Levitan is known for his expertise in clinical hypnosis. He is also a licensed real estate broker and president of A & L Management, a Minneapolis real estate management company that he owns with his wife, Lucy.

**ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD**

Jules Cohen ’53, ’57M (MD), ’59M (Res), professor of medicine and cardiology at Rochester. With University connections spanning six decades, Cohen continues to consult, mentor, research, and teach. He’s widely known for his research on the factors contributing to heart disease and for his studies of cardiac hypertrophy, cardiomyopathy, and oxygen transport.

**HUMANITARIAN AWARD**

Michael Gottlieb ’73M (MD), ’74M (Res), ’77M (Res), an internist and clinical immunologist in private practice in Los Angeles. An associate clinical professor of medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles, Gottlieb was the first physician to identify AIDS as a new disease. He has earned national distinction for his advocacy, research, and philanthropy.

**ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Robert Burne ’87M (PhD) associate dean for research at the University of Florida’s College of Dentistry, where he is also a professor and chair of the school’s department of oral biology. He is recognized as an early pioneer in the application of molecular biology and molecular genetic techniques to the study of oral bacteria, especially to the physiology and genetics of pathogenic and health-associated oral streptococci.

**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD**

Harvey Alter ’56, ’60M (MD), chief of clinical studies and associate director for research in the Department of Transfusion Medicine at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center in Bethesda, Md. Widely acknowledged for his work in discovering an antigen that was key to detecting the hepatitis B virus, Alter holds a distinction reserved for preeminent senior researchers: Distinguished NIH Investigator.

**JOHN N. WILDER AWARD**

Steven Birnbaum ’78M (MD), a staff radiologist at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Clinic in Manchester, N.H. A strong advocate for radiation safety, Birnbaum was one of the first practicing radiologists to raise awareness about the overuse of diagnostic imaging procedures that expose patients to high doses of radiation, an initiative

AS&E: Connor, Karly, and Ken Armstrong—grandchildren and son of James Armstrong ’54—and the recipients of this year’s Armstrong Award: Vicki Proschel Schwartz and Dick Schwartz; and Jeanine Sullivan Cushman and her husband, John

EASTMAN: Ray and Judy Ricker

MEDICINE: Michael Gottlieb, Alexander Levitan, Robert Burne, Dean Mark Taubman, Harvey Alter, Elizabeth Almeyda, and Jules Cohen (not pictured: Steven Birnbaum)
The DEAN’S MEDAL
Elaine Hubbard, professor emerita of nursing. Hubbard was nursing’s first associate dean for undergraduate studies and later became the director of its community-centered practice. The Elaine C. Hubbard Center for Nursing Research on Aging was named in her honor in 2006.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD
Maryjoan Ladden ‘78N (MS), senior program officer at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Ladden is a nurse practitioner whose work focuses on improving quality and safety through health professional collaboration.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD
Keri Baker ‘11N, cofounder and executive director of Sacred Valley Health, a U.S.-based nongovernmental organization in Ollantaytambo, Peru. Baker coordinates medical campaigns, establishes university partnerships, and oversees the community health worker program known as “Promotoras de Salud.”

LEGACY AWARD
The late Robert Hurlbut ‘12 (Honorary), a former trustee of the University and longtime supporter of the school. The founder, former president, and chairman of ROHM Services Corporation, Hurlbut was regarded as a pioneer in nursing home administration and an innovator in shifting the nation’s model of late-life care from traditional nursing homes to senior living facilities.

Richard (Dick) Mulvey, husband of Ann Marshall Gugino Mulvey ‘55N, a practicing nurse who was an active alumna of the School of Nursing until her death in 2008. Dick established the Ann Marshall Mulvey '55 Nursing Endowed Scholarship in her honor to support a promising nursing student who demonstrates need.

JOHN N. WILDER AWARD
T.C. ’60 and Pamela McQuilkin Lewis ’62, longtime supporters of nursing. T.C. is a former vice president of Canandaigua National Bank & Trust, and Pam is a former nurse and homemaker. They met at Rochester in 1958 when T.C. was helping his sister move into the dorm room she shared with Pam.

NURSING: Richard Mulvey, Elaine Hubbard, Dean Kathy Rideout, Jeffery Rideout, Medical Center CEO Bradford Berk, Maryjoan Ladden, Keri Baker, the late Robert Hurlbut’s son, Robert Hurlbut, and his widow, Barbara Hurlbut, and T.C. Lewis (not pictured: Pamela McQuilkin Lewis)

SIMON: Kevin Collins, Kathleen Washington, Dean Mark Zupan, Harvey Jacobson, and Daniel Lazarek

DENTISTRY: William Calnon (right) and his family—son, Timothy ‘15D (Pdc); daughter-in-law, Jennifer Calnon ’09D (Pdc); son, Christopher ’09D (Pdc); and wife, Mary

Simon Business School
ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD
Harvey Jacobson ’82S (MBA), founder, president, and chief executive officer of California Financial Partners Inc. Jacobson is often called upon to speak nationally on topics such as charitable planning, family limited partnerships, fee-based money management, generation-skipping trusts, and qualified plan distributions. He is the author of The Biggest Mistakes in Financial Planning.

Kathleen Washington ’04S (MBA), cofounder and managing director of Enterprise Solutions International, where she focuses on small and mid-cap business growth. Washington has helped businesses engineer successful turnarounds and has worked with governments in the Caribbean and South America to reduce the cost of energy and build sustainable energy resources.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD
Kevin Collins ’82S (MBA), chief financial officer of Catalyst Energy Technologies. A former managing director at Houlihan Lokey, a privately owned investment bank, Collins provided financial advice for a range of transactions, including mergers, acquisitions, spin-offs, and sales.

JOHN N. WILDER AWARD
Daniel Lazarek ’91S (MBA), chief financial officer and co-owner of Access Insurance Holdings Inc., based in Atlanta. Established in 1995, the company has grown from a small start-up to a nationally recognized insurer with $400 million in annual revenue, more than 400 employees, and operations in 14 states.

Eastman Institute for Oral Health
DIRECTOR’S AWARD
William Calnon ’79D (Pdc), immediate past president of the American Dental Association. The president of the Eastman Dental Foundation Board and former acting director of the Eastman Institute for Oral Health, Calnon is a practicing dentist and partner of the dental practice of Calnon & Cilano. He is also a part-time professor in the Department of Dentistry.

Ken Huth (Nursing), Ria Tafani (Simon), Keith Bullis (Dentistry)