

Nominees for the 2014 Distinguished Alumna/Alumnus Awards

Patricia Dallas Horoho B.S. Nursing, 1982

Lieutenant General Patricia Horoho is the 43rd Surgeon General of the United States Army. She is the first nurse and first woman to hold that position since it was established in 1775. Her responsibilities cover all facets of Army medicine, including the U.S. Army Medical Command, the third largest health care system in the United States. She also directs the Army's medical and health care professional education, scientific research, medical material logistics, and training of all combat medics. Her many honors include commendation by Time Life Publications for her actions at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001; selection in 2002 by the American Red Cross and Nursing Spectrum as one of 15 nurses receiving national recognition as a "Nurse Hero;" the USO's 2009 Woman of the Year; and the UNC School of Nursing's 2011 Alumna of the Year. Horoho has said that while at Carolina she learned that nurses can influence health care delivery and the lives of patients in all environments through direct and indirect care, policy, legislation. And the business aspects of health care.

Lt. General Horoho was nominated by Dean Kristen Swanson

James Baxter Hunt, Jr. J.D., 1964; LL.D., 1978

Jim Hunt was the first North Carolina governor to be elected to consecutive four-year terms, the state's longest serving chief executive with sixteen years in office, and the first to possess the veto power, although he never used it. Throughout his long career Hunt has been a strong advocate for public education at all levels. As governor, his influence was visible nationally as chair of the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future; in higher education he called for larger stipends and health insurance coverage for graduate students and supported creation of a distinguished professors endowment fund. He established a reading program in primary schools and advocated for class size limits. He championed creation of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, was instrumental in creation of Smart Start, and helped bring about NC State's Centennial Campus. He also launched efforts to recruit high technology businesses and established the Microelectronics Center in 1980. Today he continues his life-long advocacy of education through the James B. Hunt Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy. Hunt received his bachelor's and master's degrees from N.C. State and his law degree from Carolina. Upon graduating from law school, he spent two formative years in Nepal where he worked as an economic adviser to the government under a Ford Foundation grant.

James B. Hunt was nominated by Prof. Bland Simpson on behalf of the Awards Committee of the General Alumni Association

Andrew McNally IV
B.A., 1963

Andrew “Sandy” McNally is a geographer dedicated to furthering the field of cartography. Since 1899 the McNally family has been in the mapping business through the world-renowned Rand McNally Company. McNally received his undergraduate education at Carolina as did both of his sons. As chairman and chief executive officer of Rand McNally from 1974 to 1993, he dedicated the firm to providing accurate maps in popular and accessible formats. He is now active in a number of highly successful business ventures. McNally has actively supported Carolina’s Geography Department for many years. He endowed the J. Douglas Eyre Distinguished Lecture Series which brings distinguished speakers to Carolina for keynote campus-wide lectures and opportunities to engage with students and faculty. He also endowed the McNally Fund for Excellence in Geography, and has served on Carolina’s Board of Visitors.

Andrew McNally was nominated by Professors Michael Emch, John Pickles, and Stephen Birdsall.

James Richard Patton, Jr.
B.A., 1948

James Patton is recognized nationally and internationally for his accomplishments in the practice of international and public policy law and the foundation of one of the nation’s most influential law firms. Patton graduated from Carolina cum laude with a degree in English and earned his law degree at Harvard in 1951. After practicing for a number of years with the firm of Covington & Burling, Patton struck out on his own in to found a firm that eventually became Patton Boggs LLP. As founding, managing, and senior partner of the firm for almost 40 years, Patton established a reputation for expertise in international and trade law, public policy advocacy, and pro bono civil rights litigation. The firm has been ranked in the top 100 law firms by “The American Lawyer” every year since 2002. In his senior year at Carolina, Patton bought his first rare book, a fine copy of the first edition of Robinson Jeffers’ *The Californians* (1916). During the decades that followed, Patton amassed an exceptionally comprehensive collection of Jeffers and also a series of other important twentieth-century literary collections, all of them distinguished for their depth and the exquisitely fine condition of the individual pieces. In 1995, Patton donated to Carolina’s Rare Book Collection his holdings of James Dickey, Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes. Twenty years later Patton continues to give such important items as his comprehensive collection of Jeffers material and a collection of the works of James Joyce that is remarkable for including virtually all of Joyce’s publications, many of them signed and all in impeccable condition. Many similar gifts have followed.

James Patton was nominated by Dr. Sarah Michalak, University Librarian and Associate Provost for Libraries.

Wade Marvin Smith
B.A., 1960; J.D., 1963

Wade Smith has been one of North Carolina's best known and most acclaimed lawyers for nearly 50 years. A native of Albemarle, Wade and his brother Roger were raised in a mill village called New Town. Smith was an All-American high school football player with many college scholarship offers, but he chose to accept a Morehead Scholarship to Carolina where he excelled in both academics and athletics. He was co-captain of the football team and was inducted into the Order of the Golden Fleece. Smith graduated from Carolina's law school in 1963 and was clerk to Justice Carlisle Higgins of the North Carolina Supreme Court. In 1964 he and fellow clerk J. Harold Tharrington founded the law firm of Tharrington Smith. Smith's prowess as a trial lawyer is legendary. In 2008 the North Carolina Bar Association established the annual Wade M. Smith Award "for a Criminal Defense Attorney Who Exemplifies the Highest Ideals of the Profession." He has been included in the annual list of Best Lawyers in American for 25 years in succession. Smith served two terms in the North Carolina General Assembly; he has chaired the Board of Directors of the General Alumni Association, is a recipient of its Distinguished Service Medal, and is the permanent class president of the Class of 1960.

Wade Smith was nominated by Prof. John Sweeney on behalf of the Awards Committee of the General Alumni Association.