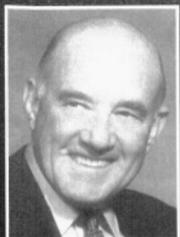


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In recognition of outstanding service and accomplishments, the MU Alumni Association honored recipients of the 25th annual Faculty-Alumni Awards Oct. 2 at the Donald W. Reynolds Alumni and Visitor Center.

Guy Harold "Bus" Entsminger, BS Ed '49, M Ed '49, received the Distinguished Service Award for outstanding service by an individual whose sustained efforts and support have added to the excellence of the University. A former Tiger football and baseball player, Entsminger worked at MU from 1949 to 1990 in alumni relations and development. He established an international network of alumni chapters and helped set up the Annual Fund, a bedrock of private support. The Guy H. "Bus" Entsminger Suite in the Reynolds Center was named for this dedicated alumnus who continues to volunteer for MU.

Dr. Thomas Wade Burns received the Distinguished Service Award for a faculty member whose teaching, research and service have added to the excellence of the University. Starting with MU's first third-year class in 1955, Burns, the Stafford Distinguished Professor of Medicine, has had contact with thousands of students and residents in training. From 1969 until July 1992, Burns served as director of the division of endocrinology and metabolism. Funded by more than \$1 million in National Institutes of Health grants, his research in human adipose tissue metabolism has contributed to the understanding of diabetes, obesity and lipid problems.

These Faculty-Alumni Award winners were selected for accomplishments in their professional lives and service to the University.

Dr. Dale G. Blevins, professor of agronomy, is a researcher in MU's Interdisciplinary Plant Biochemistry and Physiology Group. His work has been applied to environmental and production concerns, including an inexpensive solution to grass tetany. This low magnesium and calcium problem in cattle had resulted in the loss of millions of dollars to farmers.

Dr. Ruth Brent, BS HE '72, professor of environmental design, has studied roommate assignments and environmental constraints in nursing homes and housing adaptations to help older adults stay in their own homes.

Dai-Chul Chyung, MA '76, PhD '84, has played a major role in the political democratization of South Korea as a member of the National Assembly.

Thomas R. Davis, BS IE '68, of Sedalia, Mo., is co-founder and president of Septagon Industries Inc. The corporation includes 11 operating companies in Missouri, with a combined volume in excess of \$40 million and employing 200 people.

William E. Franklin, BS BA '54, is president of Weyerhaeuser Far East Ltd. in Tokyo. As the longest serving president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan from 1988-90, he encouraged the Japanese government to reduce barriers that impeded the entry of foreign firms.

Maurice B. Graham, AB '60, JD '62, has been a partner of Schnapp, Graham, Reid and Fulton in Fredericktown, Mo., for 29 years. A member of the International Society of Barristers, he is chairman of the Missouri Supreme Court's Task Force studying the use of cameras in the courtroom.

Donald Burton Holley Sr., MD '58, practices in Branson, Mo. He started in family medicine in Camdenton, Mo., where he worked until August. For 18 years, Holley was the medical director of Camdenton High School, where he established a program of nursing scholarships.

Elizabeth Joan Plogsted James, MD '65, medical director of the neonatal intensive care unit at University Hospital and

Clinics, developed a transport system that flies approximately 200 critically ill newborns a year to the University Hospital from throughout Missouri. A professor of child health and obstetrics, she developed an outreach education program in neonatal-perinatal medicine for rural Missouri.

Clyde G. Lear, MA '68, is president of Learfield Communications Inc. in Jefferson City. The company is composed of 10 commercial regional radio networks and two fee-based broadcast services. In 1992, he was a member of the task force on critical choices of the Missouri Coordinating Board on Higher Education.

Gustav J. Lehr, AB '57, JD '59, chairman of the board and CEO, has played a leading role in making Shelter Insurance Cos. in Columbia a billion-dollar business. Through his efforts, the company has improved education in Missouri through national award-winning secondary education programs and through scholarships to more than 150 MU students.

Rep. Thomas M. Macdonnell, BS Med '48, delivered more than 4,500 babies before deciding to run for the Missouri legislature in 1986. Practicing medicine on weekends in Marshfield, Mo., he has been elected for three terms.

Dean Roger L. Mitchell has helped the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources achieve international recognition through his leadership of the Food for the 21st Century Program. He was chairman of the agronomy department and dean of University Extension before becoming the college's dean and the director of the Agricultural Experiment Station in 1983.

Doyle Patterson, AB '39, a partner in the Republic Real Estate Co. in Kansas City, was a member of the Board of Curators from 1959 to 1971, when the Kansas City campus was acquired and the St. Louis campus was established. In 1990, the Friends of the Libraries, of which he served as president from 1981 to 1983, named a special endowment after him for leading its first fund-raising campaign. Currently he is soliciting funds for University Libraries as part of the MU Leads the Way capital campaign.

Mary McCleary Posner, AB '61, is president of McCleary Posner Inc., an international management consulting, advertising and financial relations firm in Columbia. She was instrumental in establishing a distinguished professorship in the College of Business and Public Administration.

Dr. David A. Sleper, professor of agronomy, has done research on forage grass that increased average daily gain of beef cattle. His research also resulted in the development of two tall fescue varieties that are free of a fungus, which caused millions of dollars of losses to livestock producers each year.

Russell V. Thompson, M Ed '60, EdD '68, has led the Columbia Public School District of which he is superintendent to national prominence while continuing to focus on individual educational needs. His advice has been solicited by former President Ronald Reagan.

Paul Wallace, professor of political science, is a leading political specialist in the United States on the Punjab region of India, which is the core of the green revolution in Indian agriculture and the center of political violence. A Fulbright Research Scholar, he helped establish and served as director of the South Asia Language and Area Center, which has brought more than \$400,000 in federal grants and fellowships to MU.

Anyone interested in nominating faculty or alumni for the 26th annual awards should write to Faculty-Alumni Awards, Alumni Relations, 123 Donald W. Reynolds Alumni and Visitor Center, Columbia, Mo. 65211.