



Annual Alumni/ae Award Guidelines

The alumni/ae of the Iliff School of Theology are dedicated to the service(s) they provide to others, the Church, Iliff and our world. They are strongly committed to and have a deep passion for inspiring, leading and transforming the parts of the world they work, live and play. Because of their incredible contributions, the Iliff Alumni/ae Association Board (IAAB) recognizes their efforts annually in the following award categories. *(Although all categories are available to be awarded annually, the IAAB Awards Committee determines which awards will be given each year and is not required to award every category.)*

- Outstanding Contribution to Parish Ministry
- Outstanding Contribution to Specialized Ministry
- Outstanding Contribution to the Academy
- Outstanding Recent Alumnus/a
- Distinguished Alumnus/a

To determine the appropriate categories to be awarded each year, the IAAB Awards Committee seeks the assistance of recommendations made by nominators. All persons are able to make recommendations for those alumni/ae they deem appropriate for any/all award categories regardless of their relationship to Iliff. Recommendations are made by completion of an "Alumni/ae Nominations Form." Please complete one form per individual per award category. *(Individuals are also able to nominate themselves for awards.)*

The Iliff Alumni/ae Association will host an annual Alumni/ae and Friends Banquet to honor the determined distinguished individuals for their service to Iliff, their communities and to others each year. The 2013 Iliff Alumni/ae Awards Banquet will take place on Thursday, February 6, 2014.

Annual Alumni/ae Awards Policies and Procedures

The purposes of the awards are to:

1. Increase recognition of achievement in various ministries thereby enhancing the image of the ministry and setting apart those alumni/ae whose examples contribute to the Church and its mission in the world.
2. Portray for Iliff students, the Church and the public the ideal of effective ministry by directing attention to its significant achievement and service of Iliff alumni/ae.
3. Bring recognition to Iliff itself, as a School that prepares students to inspire, lead and transform a spiritually, socially complex world and deeply engage religious and cultural traditions.

The criteria for the awards are:

1. The achievement of any degree from The Iliff School of Theology.
2. The candidate should be actively engaged in the “profession” of ministry. This is inclusive of all graduates, regardless of age, who are performing ministry of extraordinary merit (ministry may be done in any/all settings: traditional, academic, creative, innovative, etc.).
3. Consideration should include:
 - a. Demonstrated ministry even when faced with adversity - providing a manner and spirit of witness within all existing circumstances regardless of the complexity and context.
 - b. Distinctive service in a special area such as mission, ecumenics, community service, communications, publications, education, etc.
 - c. Distinguished service to the Iliff School of Theology or the Alumni/ae Association, helping to strengthen the mission to prepare and educate students for ministry.
 - d. Outstanding contributions and loyalty to the Church within their individual denomination – represented in their leadership and style of ministry.

Descriptions of Award Categories

Outstanding Contribution to Parish Ministry - This award is given to an alumnus/a who has demonstrated a strong commitment to and passion for service to parish ministry and/or their denomination.

Outstanding Contribution to Specialized Ministry - This award is given to an alumnus/a who has served in a variety of ministries beyond the parish, working out of a community that seeks to be transformative and is spiritually based.

Outstanding Contribution to the Academy- This award is given to an alumnus/a who has sufficiently advanced the field of theological education through his/her scholarly studies, whether it be through research, classroom experience, or praxis.

Outstanding Recent Alumnus/a - This award is given to an alumnus/a who has graduated from Iliff in the past seven years who shows great promise in ministry.

Distinguished Alumnus/a - This award is given from time to time, at the committee’s discretion, to recognize an alumnus/a who has served the religious community and/or Iliff with distinction.

Please complete all nominations for the 2014 Alumni Awards Banquet by November 1, 2013. You may email them to Tim Zeckser at tzeckser@iliff.edu, or mail them to the Office of Institutional Advancement, at 2201 S. University Blvd., Denver, CO 80210.

**For more information or questions and/or to locate Alumni/ae Nomination Forms:
visit <http://my.iliff.edu> (*Alumni and Friends tab*) or contact
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