May 2001 Honors and Awards Ceremony

A NUMBER OF AWARDS WERE PRESENTED BY DEAN GARY VAUSE TO FACULTY AND STUDENTS AT THE MAY 9, 2001 HONORS AND AWARDS CEREMONY. PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRESENTATIONS ARE INCLUDED BELOW.

**FACULTY AND DEANS**

**HOMER AND DOLLY HAND AWARD, TO RECOGNIZE SIGNIFICANT SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE STETSON FACULTY:**

- presented to Professor Peter L. Fitzgerald.

**EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD:**

- presented to Professor Bradford Stone.

**DEAN’S AWARD, FOR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE TO STETSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW:**

- presented to Assistant Dean for Part-time Studies and Continuing Legal Education Jan Majewski.

**FACULTY AND DEANS DEAN’S AWARD:**

- presented to Adam N. Ort (left) and Shannon Renee Farling for extraordinary service to Stetson University College of Law.

**STUDENTS**

**THOMAS E. PENICK, JR. AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

- presented to Deanne Yvonne Marie West. The award was established by the late Walter Mann, former member of the Board of Overseers, to a member of the graduating class who has shown the greatest promise of becoming an outstanding leader in the legal profession.

- Appearing with Ms. West are (left-right) St. Petersburg Bar Association President Eric Luden, Dean Vause, Judge Penick and Frank W. McDermott ’98.

**WALTER MANN AWARD:**

- presented to Lisa Finaldi Simmons. The award was established by the late Walter Mann, former member of the Board of Overseers, to a member of the graduating class who has shown the greatest promise of becoming an outstanding leader in the legal profession.

**RAPHAEL STEINHARDT AWARD:**

- presented to James Russell Dissinger on behalf of the Honorable Raphael Steinhardt ’63 to a deserving graduating senior on the basis of the student’s character, leadership and service to the community.

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May Graduation Celebrates Achievements

MAY GRADUATION CEREMONIES LEFT LASTING IMPRESSIONS – not only on those celebrating the beginning of their legal careers, but on students looking forward to their own graduations.

“Being a part of the graduation ceremonies was an exciting and unique experience,” Stetson student Andy Bolin said. “As Chief Ambassador, I am asked to attend and help run many special events on campus, and honestly, when I first arrived at Stetson that morning, I made no distinction between graduation and the many other events I have been a part of. However, I soon learned that there is something special about graduation.”

Bolin was especially impressed by the procession of graduates, who marched to a bagpipe accompaniment. “I looked at them and wondered which one would be the next great prosecutor, the next great civil defense attorney, the next congressman,” he said. “Looking at the graduates, and knowing from experience all of the hard work it took to get them there, made me feel honored to be a part of the ceremony.”

“I am excited about my own graduation in May 2002, because I was able to see firsthand what a fantastic job Stetson does in honoring their graduates.”

“It’s your turn to make America and the world better.”

GRETAVANSUSTEREN
CNN Legal Analyst

named awards were presented to the following graduates:

Walter Mann Award
Lisa Finalal Simmons

Cecil and Almeta Bailey Award
Latesa K. Bailey
Mac Richard McCoy

Raphael Steinhardt Award
James Russell Dissinger

Public Interest Award
Kerry Antonia Wright

Thomas E. Penick, Jr. Award for Community Service
Deanne Vynne Marie West

Stanley Milledge Award
Barbara Ann Hart

Elizabeth M. Leeman Award
Victoria Jacquelyn Avalon
Jessica Paz Mahoney

Victor O. Wehrle Award
Pamela Hubbell Cazares
James Russell Dissinger
Michael A. Glass
Robin Jennifer Merz McManigal
Timothy Hall O’leen
Julissa Rodriguez
Vonda Babetta Smith
Kristen Brooke Stephens
Joseph John Vacchiodi
Kristopher John Vurraro
Heidi L. White

ERISA Litigation Skills Award
Susan Elizabeth Sharp

Ralph Harris Ferrell Competition Award
J. Carlton Mitchell

International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award
Theadora Dalakis

E. Harris Drew Memorial Award
Jennifer J. Card

Judge Alexander Paskay Bankruptcy Award
Andrew Todd Jenkins

American Bankruptcy Institute Medal Award
Robert Franklin MacKinnon

Nader/Zeke Memorial Award
Tara Leigh Young

Environmental Law Award
P. Daniel Alberti, Jr.

Gardner W. Beckett, Jr. Civil Liberties Award
Catherine Elizabeth Shannon

James Carlisle Rogers, Jr. Award
Sacha Dyson

Suzanne Armstrong Memorial Award
Suzanne M. Pileggi

Florida Bar City, County and Local Government Law Section Award
Pamela Mary Dubov

Florida Bar Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Award
Kerry Antonia Wright

National Association of Women Lawyers Outstanding Law Student Award
Kara Elizabeth Hardin

West Group Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award
Phillip Wayne Farthing
Lisa Catherine Hodgetts
Michael Robert Ohle
Debra Belniak Tuomey

Lazan and Trute, P.A. Trusts Award
Pamela Mary Dubov
Sacha Dyson

Florida Constitutional Law Award
Pamela Mary Dubov
Lael J. Ewalt
Sacha Dyson

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