

# 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 Luz Nagle.



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.

## STUDENTS

DEAN'S AWARD:

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



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.

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.



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

presented to  
Deanne Yvonne Marie West.  
The award was established  
by the St. Petersburg Bar  
Association to honor Judge  
Thomas E. Penick, Jr. '72.  
This award is given to a student  
who has volunteered extensively  
for the good of the community,  
specifically for those who are  
less fortunate.

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

# 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.”



(Left-right) Dean Gary Vause; Hon. Thomas E. Stringer, Sr. '74, chair of the College of Law's Board of Overseers; CNN News Legal Analyst Greta Van Susteren; University President Dr. H. Douglas Lee.

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

GRETA VAN SUSTEREN

CNN Legal Analyst



named awards were presented to the following graduates:

## Walter Mann Award

Lisa Finaldi Simmons

## Cecil and Augusta Bailey Award

Latesa K. Bailey  
Mac Richard McCoy

## Raphael Steinhardt Award

James Russell Dissinger

## Public Interest Award

Kerry Annifer Wright

## Thomas E. Penick, Jr. Award for Community Service

Deanne Yvonne Marie West

## Stanley Milledge Award

Barbara Ann Hart

## Elizabeth M. Leeman Award

Victoria Jacquelyn Avalon  
Jessica Paz Mahoney

## Victor O. Wehle Award

Pamela Hubbell Cazares  
James Russell Dissinger  
Michael A. Giasi  
Robin Jennifer Merz McManigal  
Timothy Hall Olenn  
Julissa Rodriguez  
Vonda Babette Smith  
Kristen Brooke Stephens  
Joseph John Vecchioli  
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

Tauna Ren Bogle

## Stallworth Trial Team Award

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## E. Harris Drew Memorial Award

Jennifer J. Card

## Judge Alexander Paskay Bankruptcy Award

Andrew Todd Jenkins

## American Bankruptcy Institute Medal Award for Excellence in Bankruptcy Studies

Robert Franklin MacKinnon

## Nader/Zrake Memorial Award

Tara Leigh Young

## Environmental Law Award

P. Daniel Alberdi, Jr.

## Gardner W. Beckett, Jr. Civil Liberties Award

Catherine Elizabeth Shannon

## James Carlisle Rogers, Jr. Award

Sacha Dyson

## Suzanne Armstrong Memorial Award

Suzanne M. Pilleggi

## Florida Bar City, County and Local Government Law Section Award

Pamela Mary Dubov

## Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Award

Kerry Annifer 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  
Joel J. Ewusiak  
Catherine Elizabeth Shannon

## Dean's Award

Shannon Renee Farling  
Adam N. Ort